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## SKIES POURING HITLER REINFORCEMENTS ON CRETE

### Battle Worthy Of H. G. Wells Fantasy Rages Nightlong

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

THE BATTLE OF CRETE PRESENTS AN AMAZING SIGHT, LIKE A FANTASY BY H. G. WELLS, WITH THE SKY AROUND SUDA BAY FULL OF STRANGE AIRCRAFT, DRUNKENLY SWAYING PARACHUTES, AND ENEMY PLANES FILLED WITH TROOPS CRASH-LANDING IN A RESTRICTED AREA.

The wreckage of crashed Nazi aeroplanes is quickly cleared away by hard-worked German ground staffs, making way for a continual flow of air traffic, while other troop-carriers remain on the ground, with engines running only long enough to disembark their troops, before taking off again for Greece to load up with another cargo of troops.

### NAVAL "TASK" FORCES

Unusual legislation, creating an unspecified number of vice-admirals to command special forces which might be assigned to important military missions, was unanimously approved by the U.S. House of Representatives Naval Committee yesterday.

Rear-Admiral C. W. Nimitz, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, gave the committee a carefully guarded explanation of the need for the measure, which nevertheless made clear that the new commands would be assigned only to missions of major importance.

THE NAVY'S UNEXPECTED REQUEST FOR THE LEGISLATION HAS STIRRED UP IMMEDIATE CONJECTURE WHETHER THE PROPOSED "TASK FORCES," AS THEY ARE CALLED, MIGHT BE USED TO PROTECT U.S. SHIPPING SOON TO BE MOVING INTO THE RED SEA OR FOR SOME EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT OPERATION.

Testifying before the committee, Rear-Admiral Nimitz said: "It is conceivable that ships and planes will be broken up into task forces to carry out special missions."

"Such a task force might consist of a division of battleships, a wing of aircraft, a flotilla of destroyers and a number of submarines."

OPERATIONS CONTINUED ALL NIGHT, WITH THE SKY LIT UP BY PARACHUTE FLARES, TRACER SHELLS AND THE NAVY'S SEARCH-LIGHTS PICKING UP PARACHUTES FLOATING TO EARTH, MANY OF THEM DEAD BY THE TIME THEY TOUCHED THE GROUND BECAUSE THEY FORM EXCELLENT TARGETS FOR THE BRITISH GROUND FORCES.

Exciting man-hunts among ravines and woods are in progress all over eastern Crete between Nazi parachutists and Cretan bands led by "captains of the hills," chiefly armed with foot-long knives and pistols.

When Italy invaded Greece, Cretan hillwomen of Lassithi Plain, where Zeus is reputed to have been born in a deep cave, and descended from the ancient Minoans, petitioned the King of the Hellenes to be allowed to form a women's regiment to fight for Greece.

#### Women Stalkers

Their desire has now been granted and armed stalwart Cretan women, famed for their beauty, now mount guard over their homes and stalk Nazi parachutists.

In the confusion of one of the hardest fought battles of the war it is impossible to estimate casualties to date, say military circles in Cairo.

Such things as lines of communication and supply, and rear or forward positions, do not, for the most part, exist.

Staff headquarters themselves are in the front line and auxiliary.

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He said he could not disclose to the committee how such a force might be used.

### FIGHTER 'PLANES RETIRE

#### From Crete

The British commanders in Crete have decided to withdraw British fighter aircraft from Crete, in view of the poor-ness and small number of aerodromes there.

This was revealed by a British Air Ministry official during an interview in London yesterday.

It was impossible, he said, to develop satisfactory fighter defence from a few comparatively ill-equipped aerodromes if these are subjected to high-scale enemy air attack.

Offensive air operations by British bombers based in Egypt are, however, being carried out against aerodromes from which the enemy are making these attacks.

#### GERMAN TACTICS

It is understood in Cairo that the German tactics in attempting to land on Crete from the sea consisted of sending fairly small vessels containing landing parties, unescorted by naval forces, across the comparatively narrow strip of sea between Crete and southern Greece, says Reuter.

### Situation In Crete Well In Hand

It was learned in Cairo last night that the British troops, aided by Greek and Cretan hillmen, have succeeded in keeping the situation in Crete well in hand, says a Reuter despatch.

### TANK CAPTURED BY N.C.O.

A British N.C.O. captured an Italian medium tank single-handed by jumping on board the tank, opening the turret cover and killing the crew with a revolver, during operations in Abyssinia.

This story was related in an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday covering the fighting west of Sciaslamanna.

The N.C.O.'s feat was accomplished during an Italian counter-attack which was repulsed.

### R.A.F. HITS HARD AT SOURCE

A heavy and successful attack was made by the R.A.F. on German-occupied aerodromes in Greece during the night of Tuesday/Wednesday, says yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

At Eleusis, bombs were seen to burst among aircraft on the ground and a fire was started.

At Menidi the results were not observed.

At Malak, several large explosions were observed, while at Topolia two fires were started.

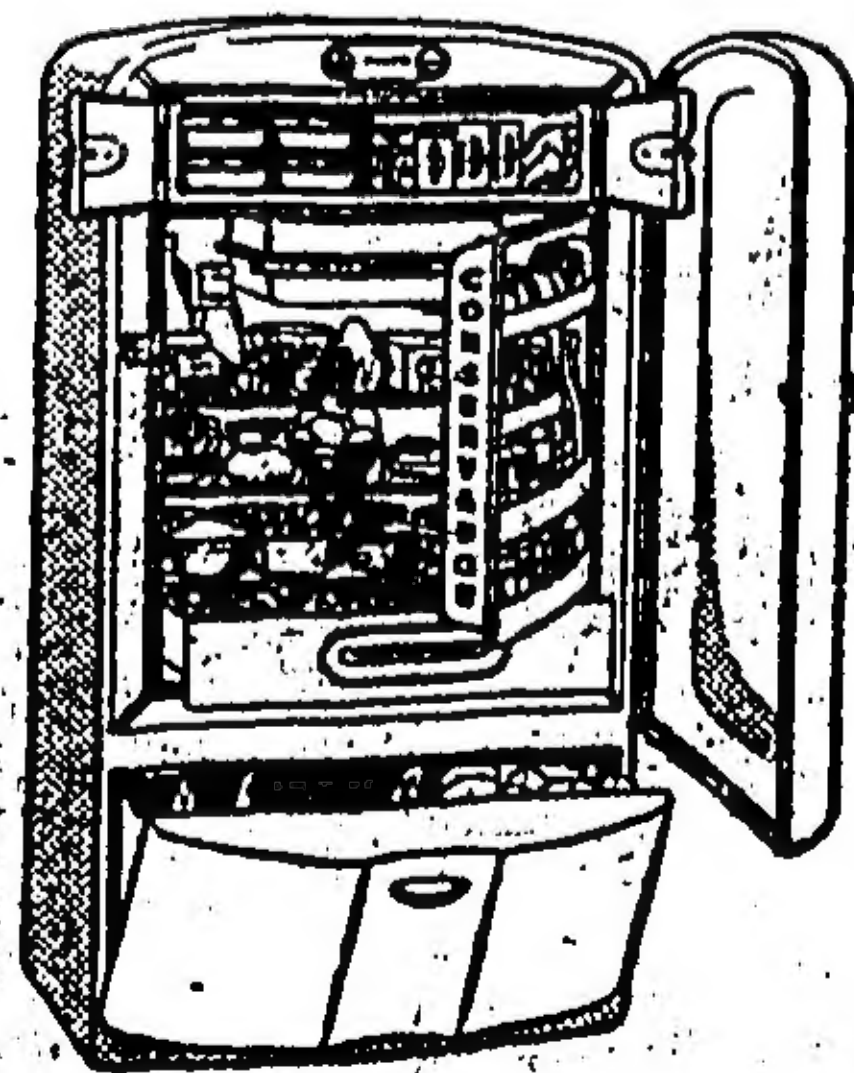
In Libya, R.A.F. fighters and South African planes successfully attacked motor transport convoys in the Capuzzo area. Many lorries were destroyed and others damaged.

Other aircraft bombed a camp and gun positions in the same area.

During the previous night targets near Barge were bombed.

In Abyssinia, Free French aircraft bombed and gunned enemy troops on the road near Chelga.

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# THE NAVY INTERCEPTS CONVOY

## Quick First Success: Details Lacking

### GERMAN PROMISES And Performance

The Turkish Deputy, M. Yalcin, fired another broadcast at Germany yesterday.

He recalls that Germany promised Rumania friendship but gave away Bessarabia and Transylvania, while all the resources of Rumania are in German hands. He recalls also that while still friendly to Greece, the Germans promised Salonika to the Yugoslavs.

He mentions German assurances to other small countries and says that in the last war, when Turkey was Germany's ally, Germany offered the Straits and Istanbul to Russia in return for a separate peace.

"Therefore a promise of friendship does not prevent the Germans from dividing up a country with whom they have sworn friendship."

His series of articles continue to attract widespread attention. — Reuter.

### WAR TECHNICIANS

A scheme for the utilisation of institutions and factories in the United Provinces for training war technicians has been drawn up by the Indian National Labour Service Tribunal. — Reuter.

## MR. CHURCHILL'S REVIEW OF BATTLE FOR CRETE

JUST BEFORE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ADJOURNED LAST EVENING THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, GAVE "A VERY PROVISIONAL ACCOUNT" OF THE BATTLE OF CRETE, IN WHICH HE TOLD THE HOUSE THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES WITH INTENSITY AND THAT ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION IS IN HAND THE GERMANS HAVE GAINED SOME LOCAL SUCCESSES AT HEAVY COST.

"The Germans are using large numbers of air-borne and parachutist troops, and these are being increased daily," Mr. Churchill declared.

"The position at Heraklion is that our troops still hold the aerodrome although the Germans are now in what is called occupation of the town, which probably means they are ensconced in certain buildings in the town.

"In the Retimo district there is no report of particular fighting though an attempt by the enemy to attack the aerodrome early on Wednesday morning was successfully held.

"In the Canea-Suda Bay sector heavy enemy attacks in the early morning of Wednesday were followed during the day by further parachute landings south-west of Canea, which were heavily en-

gaged by artillery and machine-guns.

"At Malema aerodrome, it appears the enemy are now in occupation of the aerodrome and of the area to the west of Kerca, but the aerodrome is still under fire.

"IN THIS SECTOR THE COASTAL LINE STILL REMAINS IN OUR HANDS. FIGHTING CONTINUES, DEEPENING IN INTENSITY, AND WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME.

### Convoys Intercepted

"On Wednesday night the enemy began to try sea-borne landings but a convoy making for Crete was intercepted by our naval forces and two transports and caiques (Greek boats), which probably contained troops intended for landing operations, were sunk.

"An enemy destroyer escorting the convoy was also sunk. "THE CONVOY TURNED A W A Y TOWARDS THE ISLANDS OF THE ARCHIPELAGO AND WAS BEING ATTACKED BY OUR DESTROYERS AND LIGHT FORCES.

"I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT HAS HAPPENED EXCEPT THAT THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF FIGHTING DURING THE DAY. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ATTACKING OUR SHIPS AND WE ATTACKING THE CONVOY.

### One Result ?

"I have no definite information about the results but I feel they can hardly be other than satisfactory in view of the naval forces at our disposal in the Mediterranean generally."

At this point a member interposed suggesting that Mr. Churchill convey to the forces on Crete a message expressing appreciation, admiration and confidence in them.

Mr. Churchill replied: "I certainly will."

### Strange Battle

The Prime Minister then continued: "It is a strange and grim battle which is being fought, one in which our side has no air support because they have no aerodromes — not because they have no aeroplanes — while the other side has very little or no artillery or tanks and neither side has any means of retreat.

"It is a desperate and grim battle and I certainly will send wishes and encouragement to the men who are fighting what is undoubtedly a most important battle, which will affect the whole course of the campaign in the Mediterranean."

A member asked: "When the Prime Minister suggests the enemy have no tanks, is it to be implied that we have?"

MR. CHURCHILL: "I CERTAINLY DID NOT THINK OF FOLLOWING THE MATTER INTO THOSE CHANNELS." — REUTER.

## HITLER'S EYES ON THEYSSEN FORTUNE

The United States Treasury, it was learned, is the guardian of a secret cache of American money belonging to Fritz Thyssen, German industrialist who broke with Adolf Hitler at the beginning of the war.

Unverified reports have come from Europe that French authorities had handed Herr Thyssen over to the Germans and that the Nazis were holding him for \$6,000,000 ransom out of his American funds.

The only way Herr Hitler could get the money would be to ask the United States Treasury for it.

Herr Thyssen was a refugee in France last summer when the United States froze all French funds in this country. Under the order signed by President Roosevelt, anyone living in France at that time was technically a Frenchman, and the freezing order thus applied to Herr Thyssen. — Associated Press.

## SUSSEX VILLAGE BOMBED

A few single aircraft flew over Britain yesterday, and one of them dropped bombs in a Sussex village which damaged several houses and caused a small number of casualties.

Bombs dropped elsewhere did little damage and no casualties are reported. — Reuter.

## PRUNING KNIFE CARRIES ON

There is a man in a South Coast town who is fighting Hitler with a pruning knife.

His house had had a direct hit, and its ruins sprawled towards the road. The railings were down. Amid the devastation was a tiny plot of lawn; and on that green patch — three standard roses, erect, undamaged.

And the Man Who Fights Hitler with a Pruning Knife, placid, unperturbed, was pruning those rose trees; for, you see, it's pruning time just now.

## ITALIANS AID SINGAPORE DEFENCE

War material captured from the Italians in the African campaigns now augment the defence of Singapore.

Pictures distributed by the local Ministry of Information show the Chinese Military Mission which recently toured Malaya inspecting a row of Italian anti-tank guns among other armament. — Reuter.

# SHIPPING THE DECISIVE FACTOR IN STRUGGLE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in a letter to Rear-Admiral Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission, said: "I am glad of the opportunity to send a maritime message to the American people.

"To-day, as never before in our history, our merchant marine is vital for our national welfare. I do not mean vital merely in the conventional sense, that it makes an important contribution, but in the stronger sense that it is a crucially decisive factor in our struggle for existence as a free people.

"If we are going to keep away from our shores the forces that have convulsed the Old World and now menace the New, the job will be done in large measure by the ships and sailors of the merchant marine, and by the working men who build the ships and supply them.

"If they fail the whole effort falls. "All earnest hard-working Americans, who spend the best part of their lives providing for the security and happiness of those they love, know that that precious security and happiness depend exactly on the success of that effort.

"I know the effort will not fail: that more and faster ships will be built and manned by trained American seamen and that they will carry through the open waters of the seven seas implements of war which will help destroy the menace to free peoples everywhere."

The letter was read at ceremonies in Washington Navy Yard yesterday in connection with observance of Maritime Day — the 122nd anniversary of the departure of the S. S. Savannah for the first successful trans-Atlantic voyage by steam. — Reuter.

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# Admiral Darlan Carries Vichy Across The Rubicon

## Policy Based On Fear Of A British Victory!

### GERMAN BLUFF IN FRANCE

A fresh angle on life in occupied France is given by a traveller who has just returned to Lisbon from Bordeaux.

He says the Italians and Germans apparently have little love for one another. Soldiers of the two countries never fraternise.

One never sees German and Italian officers together. If they happen to be in the same cafe a German avoids meeting the glance of an Italian so as to avoid the necessity of saluting.

The traveller was amused by the immense amount of bluff in which the Germans indulged to impress the local populace.

Frequently large convoys would roll from a town. It was said they were "going north," suggesting an invasion of Britain was imminent, but careful observers noted every time the same wagon and the old stage trick was being played.

AT THE SAME TIME 80 TO 100 MOTOR-CYCLISTS WOULD DASH OUT IN THE SAME DIRECTION AT FULL SPEED BUT SHORTLY AFTERWARDS THEY WOULD ALL RETURN.—REUTER.

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

**WHEN ADMIRAL DARLAN WENT TO BERCHTESGADEN THE FRENCH CABINET CROSSED THE RUBICON. DARLAN'S POLICY IS BASED ON FEAR OF A BRITISH VICTORY AND A DESIRE TO PREVENT IT IF POSSIBLE, AND THIS IS A FACT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MUST NOW RECKON WITH.**

In the circumstances it must be expected that the British Government will not stand by idly. It has already bombed Syrian aerodromes, thereby giving effect to the principle that it must be free to pursue the German enemy wherever he is found.

If the distinction between unoccupied and occupied France is to be mere fiction -- as the first meeting of the French Cabinet in Paris, for instance, suggests -- then no doubt the British Government will have seriously to consider extending this principle to all territories in Europe and Africa nominally under the control of the Vichy Government.

The British Government cannot be expected to be duped by fine phrases or juridical hair-splitting such as that indulged in by the Vichy Ambassador in Washington, Henri Haey, who claimed the French were forced to let the Germans use Syrian air bases under Article 18 of the Armistice terms.

#### "Times" Comment

The extent of French complicity in the German military operations is now attested by abundant evidence, comments the London "Times."

The newspaper adds that there does not appear to be any demand, however humiliating, which the Vichy Government in its present move can or will refuse. In everything but name Vichy has joined the Axis.

Referring to Iraq and the Arab world generally, "The Times" states that here as elsewhere Britain stands as the sole barrier to Hitler's naked imperialism and as an ally all those who prize their independence.

THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" DECLARES IT IS TRAGIC THAT THE FRENCH PEOPLE AND THE FRENCH EMPIRE SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INSATIABLE ENEMY THEY DETEST.—REUTER.

## FRENCH ALLOWING E-BOATS TO PASS ALONG RHONE

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

**FURTHER EVIDENCE** has come to hand of the support which the Vichy authorities have been giving Germany. So far as military help is concerned the most recent example has been permission for the use of the lower passages of the River Rhone to pass out German E-boats into the Mediterranean.

Regarding help to Germany by French industry, it is known this help has been on a very considerable scale and in some respects even more efficient than when industry worked for France.

Evidence has been received that they have been repairing German ships and submarines.

The French motor car industry, which is used to turn out aeroplane engines and ammunition, has since April 5 been collaborating in a formal agreement with the enemy.

The Renault, Citroen and Peugeot motor companies are involved in the agreement, which, it is believed, merely regularised what had already been taking place, for at least two of these firms had been producing aircraft components, motor-boats, tank parts and ammunition for Germany. It is recalled that the secretary

of the French National Economic Association, at the opening of the Paris Fair, stated that one quarter of French mechanical and electrical industries are working for Germany.

#### War Supplies

In addition to this help it is known that a considerable part of all cargoes that go into Marseilles reach the Germans.

It has become known that the French handed over to the Germans 10,000 tons of aluminium, 8,000 tons of magnesium, 38,000 tons of bauxite, 30,000 tons of wool and 60,000 tons of fruit.—Reuter.

## Meaning Of Nazi Order

Foreign diplomatic representatives in Paris have been requested to proceed to the seat of the French Government at Vichy, according to the German official news agency citing a Wilhelms-trasse source.

The agency adds that Berlin political circles consider Germany has taken this step because she holds that Vichy and not Paris is the governmental centre of France.

It is stated that about 34 foreign missions are concerned but consulates are not affected.—Reuter.

#### ELECTRIC WHISKERS IN INDIA

General Berganzoli, the Italian commander who was captured in the Libyan campaign and is known by the nickname of "Electric Beard," is among the latest batch of Italian war prisoners to arrive in Bombay.

They number 1,900 and include 1,100 officers, says Reuter.

### DECLARATION OF WAR DEMANDED

Senator Walsh, chairman of the U.S. Senate Naval Affairs Committee, addressing a meeting of the organisation "Americans United," declared: "Letters are now reaching the desks of members of Congress strongly urging an open declaration of war."—Reuter.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DERBY

Announcement yesterday of acceptances for the New Derby and New Oaks Stakes, substitutes for the peace-time Derby and Oaks classics, confirms that the Derby will be run on Wednesday, June 18, with the Oaks on the following day.

There are 26 acceptances for the Derby and 20 for the Oaks, both races being over a one and a half mile course at Newmarket.—Reuter.

### NEW LIGHT ON HESS

**A British night-fighting Boulton-Paul Defiant was on Rudolf Hess's tail when he landed in Scotland.**

This was revealed when more light on the whole Hess incident was shed in the House of Commons yesterday by the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, replying to a question.

Sir Archibald made it clear there had been no previous correspondence between Hess and the Duke of Hamilton.

He said the Duke of Hamilton did not recognise Hess when he saw him in a Scottish hospital, although it was possible Hess had seen him when he visited the Olympic Games in 1936.

#### What Action?

Major Lloyd-George suggested it would give satisfaction to the R.A.F. if Sir Archibald stated that action was taken to intercept Hess's plane.

Sir Archibald in reply said that when Hess baled out a Defiant fighter was hot on his plane's trail.—Reuter.

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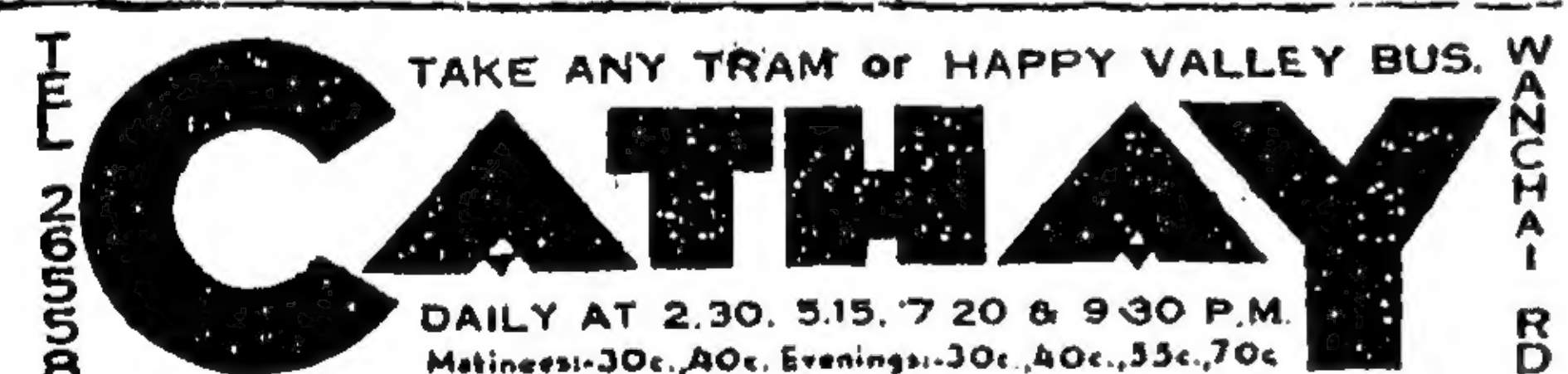
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# ITALIAN COLLAPSE: THOUSANDS MORE PRISONERS TAKEN

**TWO ENEMY DIVISIONS ARE TRAPPED BETWEEN THE BRITISH EMPIRE FORCES IN ABYSSINIA AND SEVERAL THOUSAND ENEMY PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S G.H.Q. COMMUNIQUE IN CAIRO.**

In the Gondar area units of the Sudan Defence Force are closely engaged with the enemy in the vicinity of Chelga.

So far over 300 Italian prisoners have been captured in the Battle of the Lakes. Operations are proceeding satisfactorily against two enemy divisions which have now been trapped between our forces advancing from the north and from the south.

West of Solasclamanna our troops successfully attacked the main enemy positions. An Italian counter-attack with tanks was repulsed and considerable damage was inflicted by our artillery on the retreating enemy.

In this action the enemy left over 100 dead on the field of battle and our captures include 600 prisoners, 10 guns and five medium tanks. Our casualties were slight.

## Over 4,000 Prisoners

Further to the south our advance guards overwhelmed a complete rear-guard, consisting of brigade headquarters and three colonial battalions.

Captures in this area so far amount to over 4,400 prisoners, of whom a large proportion are Italians, together with 32 guns and 14 tanks.

In Libya, there is nothing to report at Tobruk.

## Sollum Action

In the Sollum area, during the night of May 20/21, advanced elements of our mechanised troops destroyed an enemy post on Sollum Hill, knocking out three German tanks.

Our patrols in this area are continuing their vigorous aggressive activities.

In Iraq, operations in the neighbourhood of Fallujah are progressing.

In the Basra area the situation remains calm.—Reuter.

# FALANGE GAINS NEW STRENGTH

An important order signed by General Franco was published in yesterday's official Bulletin defining the powers of the President of the Political Board of Falange Party, namely, Senor Serrano Suner.

The order virtually gives him, as General Franco's representative and second-in-command, powers over the party and party appointments.

Principal object, says the preamble, is "to strengthen the party's unity, firmness and efficiency thus constituting an unbreakable political front and a powerful arm against all obstacles and resistances which may try to oppose the National Syndicalist revolution."

FINAL RESULT OF THE RECENT CHOPPING AND CHANGING, THEREFORE, APPEARS TO BE THAT THE FALANGE PARTY'S POSITION IN THE COUNTRY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.—REUTER.

# CANADA'S GENEROUS PLEDGE

The House of Commons yesterday cheered an announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, that Canada has pledged herself to finance the bulk of British purchases in Canada, estimated at £200,000,000 to £300,000,000.

Sir Kingsley explained that this was a very large sum in relation to Canada's resources, seeing that Canada's total budget revenues last year were under £200 millions.

The Chancellor also paid a tribute to help from the other Dominions and Colonies.

Australia and New Zealand have to meet heavy expenditure outside their own countries and are applying an increasing amount of their sterling resources towards current external war costs.

Those countries, like Canada, had increased taxation. They also had import restrictions and rationing schemes.

The Chancellor also mentioned the importance of South Africa as the world's chief gold producer and India as a source of multifarious supplies.—Reuter.

# TROUBLE IN FEEDING PARIS

Certain difficulties of provisioning Paris have arisen according to a Vichy announcement quoted on Ankara radio.

The announcement says that this week people have been unable to receive the meat ration. Butter and eggs were also not to be found.

Last week only 1,500 people were given rabbit meat, 200 people got chicken and 3,600 people got goat meat.

In order to meet the requirements of Parisians the seizure of livestock in villages has been decided upon.—Reuter.

# BRITAIN'S "EXPORT" DEPARTMENT

"From all we hear of what is happening over Kiel, Hamburg and Berlin our export department is doing extremely well," declared Mr. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada, speaking in connection with London's War Weapons Week. When the banks closed yesterday the total amount raised was £87,750,000.—Reuter.

# ATTEMPTED PUTSCH IN CHILE

Judicial proceedings consequent on the Nazi putsch which was nipped in the bud by the Chilean police continued in Santiago yesterday.

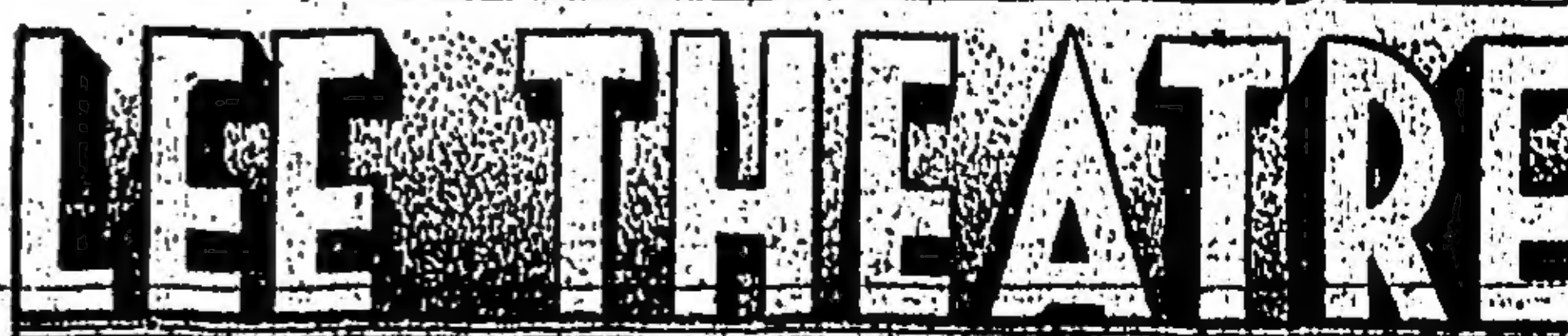
The judge in charge of the investigation interrogated 20 Nazis and, after the enquiry, ordered the arrest of three party leaders on charges of "an attempt against the security of the State."

As a result of statements by the detained men a fresh search was carried out of headquarters of the Nazi Party by the police, who discovered many documents and propaganda connected with the abortive putsch.—Reuter.

# SMALL TURNOVER ON STOCK MARKET

The turnover on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was small. Main feature was the recovery of gilt-edged, especially War Loan, on revived interest following the near conclusion of London's war savings campaign.

Foreign issues were mostly firm. Japanese and Chilean further advanced but Spanish 4 per cents weakened from 33 to 30. India's changed very little apart from a continued upward trend by shipping shares, Indo-China's now being 120/- and Union Castles 13/-.—Reuter.



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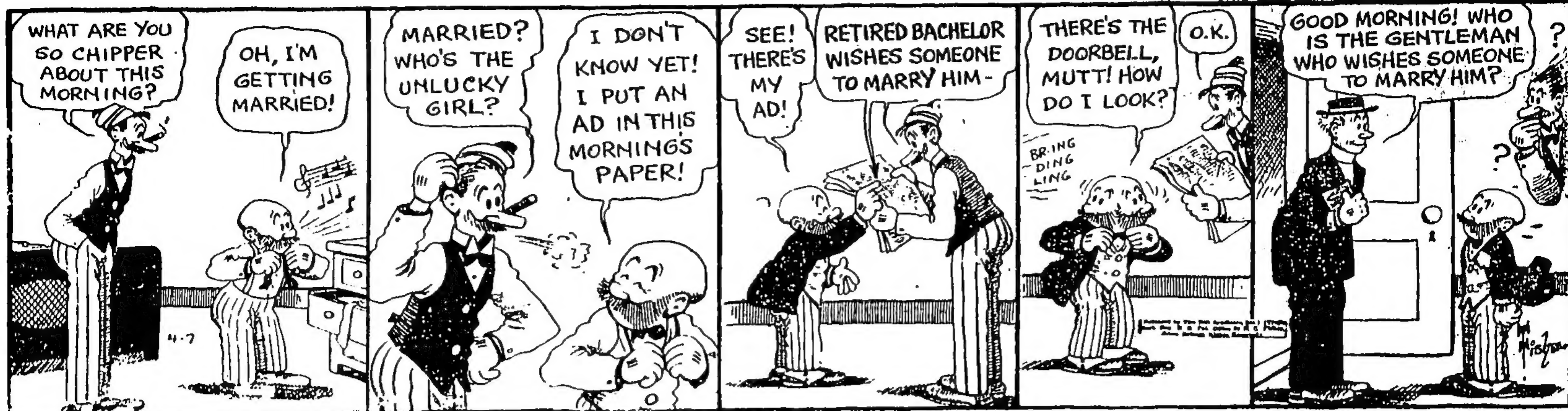
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## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



## TURKEY'S WOMEN ACE FLIERS ARE READY

Thousands of young girl parachutists, armed with machine-guns and hand grenades, are ready to attack the Nazis if Turkey goes to war.

The "Flying Amazons," as they are popularly called, are not only soldiers but can also pilot fighter and bomber planes according to the "Sunday Chronicle."

"Our girl parachutists are mostly between fifteen and twenty years old," Mr. H. S. Goker, Turkish Air Attache in London, stated.

"They wear blue uniforms and trousers. Strong, courageous and clever, they are the cream of Turkey's girlhood."

"Many of them speak fluent English, French and some German."

Turkish military experts believe that women parachutists will prove just as effective as men in sabotaging enemy communications and fortifications.

"Two years ago Soviet parachute experts came to our country on contract to teach men and girls the new method of warfare they had perfected," Mr. Goker continued.

"To-day, the chief instructor of our paratroopers is Sabiya Kemal, the adopted daughter of Kemal

Ataturk, founder of the Turkish Republic.

## Brilliant Leader

"She is one of our most brilliant fliers. Our first woman pilot, she is greatly admired by Turkish women."

"During the Kurdish rebellion in 1937, she took part in bombing and reconnaissance."

"Since she married Captain Ali Kemal, also of the Turkish Air Force, she has never stopped her training activities."

"They are taught all field war tactics, guerilla fighting, and swimming in rivers with rifles and other equipment."

"First, recruits are taught how to pilot gliders. Then they advance to trainer planes, and, finally fly operational aircraft."

## 6,000 JEWS FIGHT WITH BRITISH

More than 80,000 Jewish men and 60,000 Jewish women have volunteered for war service in Palestine, Dr. Nahul Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, declared at Toronto.

He added that 6,000 Jews were fighting with the British Forces in the Middle East, of whom 1,200 were serving with the Royal Air Force. —Reuter.

## ISLANDERS WAIT FOR HERO

A little party of people who left Alderney just before the Germans occupied the island stood outside Buckingham Palace while Pilot Officer F. E. Odoire, an Alderney man, was waiting in the picture gallery of the Palace to receive his D.F.C. from the King.

Besides him sat his mother and his sister Helen, who is a police-woman.

The islanders who waited outside had watched him grow up in their little community of 1,500. With them was Mr. C. H. Richards, an island magistrate and now secretary of the Alderney Relief Committee, and another of the officer's sisters, Cathleen.

She said, "This is a great day for us all. I do not know much about the services that won him his D.F.C. He never talks about himself at home."

## "THE RIGHT TYPE"

Mr. Richards said that Pilot Officer Odoire, who is now 25, went to the island's elementary school and studied at home to join the R.A.F. "He is a fine boy — just the right type," Mr. Richards said.

A 20-year-old wife saw her husband, Squadron Leader Thomas Frederick Dalton-Morgan, who is 23, receive his D.F.C. from the King. She works in a canteen at his station.

Squadron Leader R. G. Kellett, whose squadron destroyed 113 enemy aircraft in one month, and who has been the English leader of one of the Polish fighter squadrons, received the D.S.O. and the D.F.C.

Eleven other officers of the three Services received the D.S.O., 55 R.A.F. officers received the D.F.C., and Flying Officer A. Webster the D.F.C. and bar.

His Majesty conferred the accolade on 33 new Knights Bachelor. A cousin of the Duchess of Gloucester, Sir David Montagu-Douglas-Scott, was made a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

## 7,000 DIE IN NAZI PRISON

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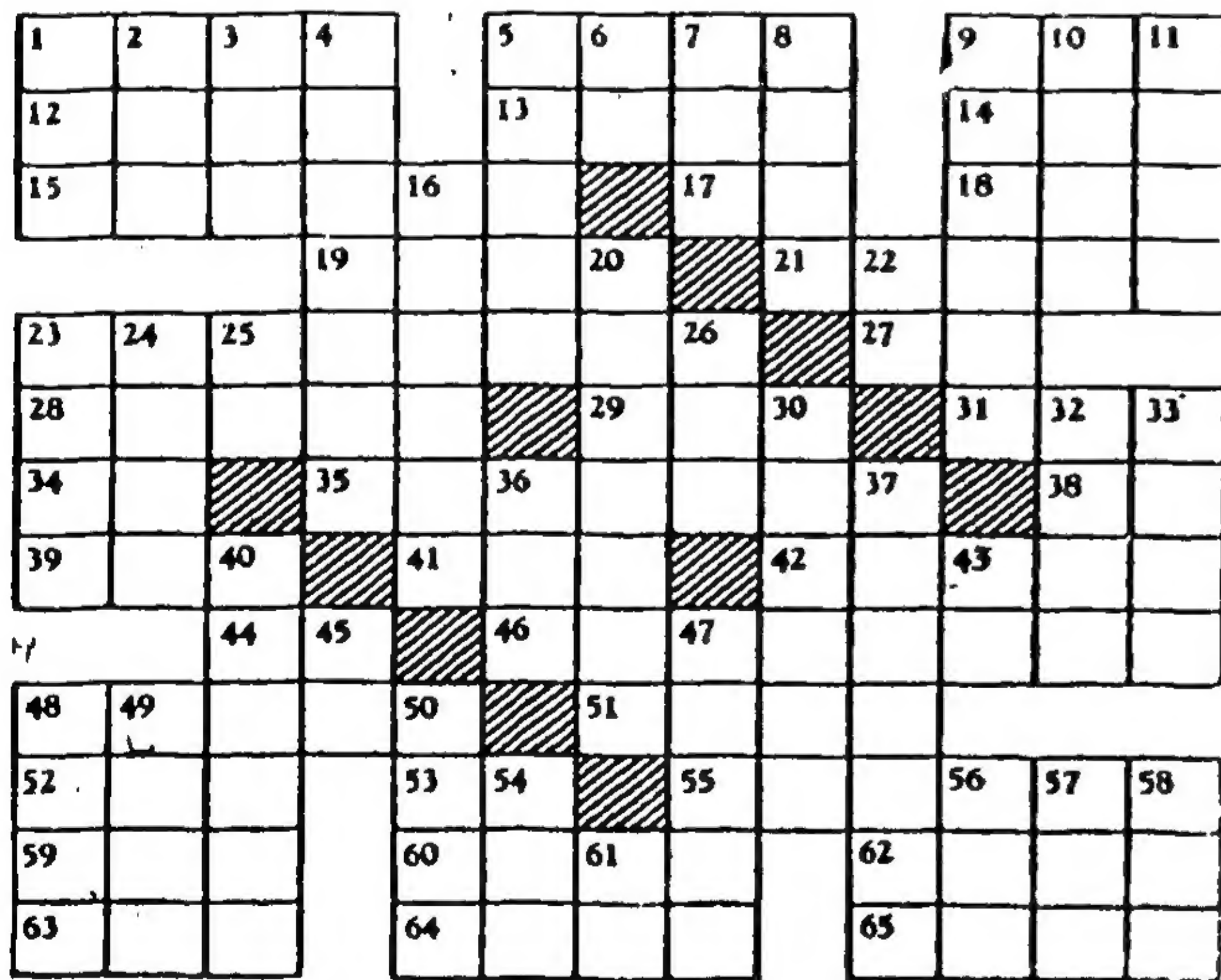


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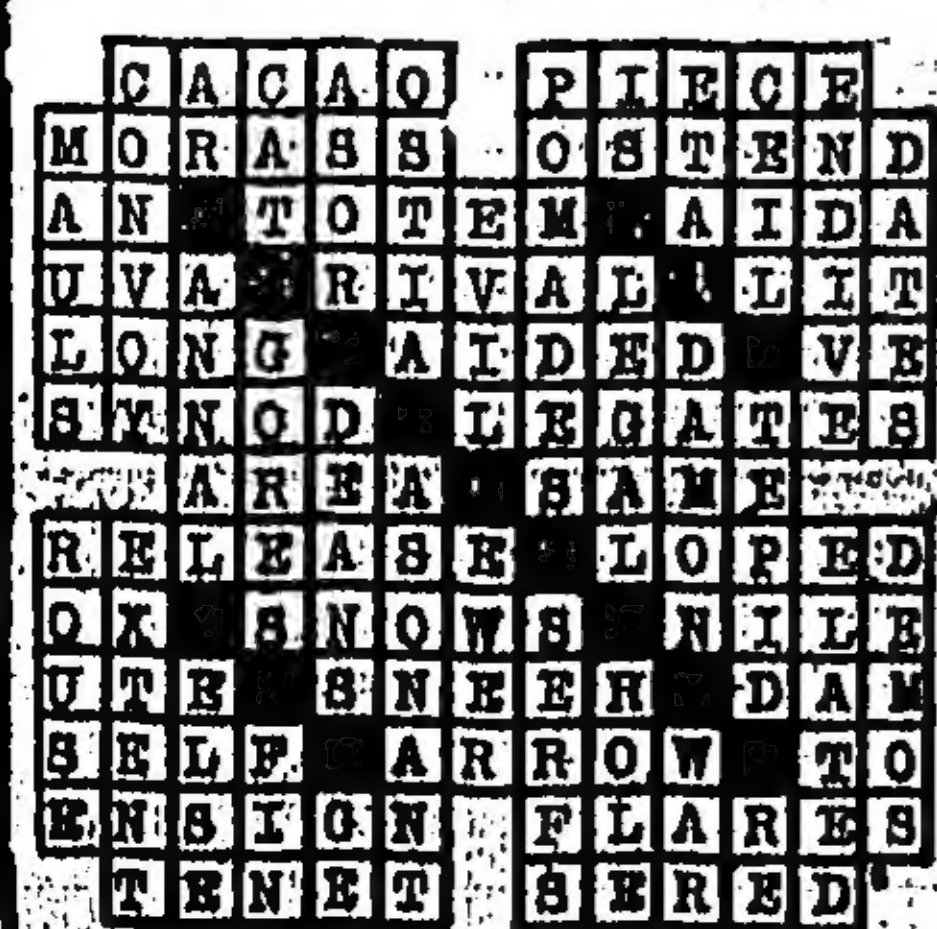
## HORIZONTAL

- 1 Departed
- 5 Respiratory organ
- 9 Forest tree
- 12 Sandalwood tree
- 13 Armadillo
- 14 To petition
- 15 Imagined
- 17 Italian river
- 18 Music: three
- 19 Fresh-water porpoise
- 21 Open-woven material
- 23 Fury
- 27 Preposition
- 28 South American mountain range
- 29 Lettuce genus
- 31 To obtain with difficulty
- 34 Pronoun
- 35 Deprives
- 39 Symbol for Iridium
- 39 To bow
- 41 Scoundrel
- 42 Projecting edges of a roof
- 44 Babylonian deity
- 46 Containing denial
- 48 To bring

## VERTICAL

- 1 Compact mass
- 2 To be mistaken
- 3 Scotch for "no"
- 4 Traced
- 5 Ancient language
- 6 Preposition
- 7 To sleep
- 8 Intoxicating drink
- 9 Clever
- 10 Egyptian seaport
- 11 This place
- 16 Pertaining to memory
- 20 Agreed
- 22 River in Livonia
- 23 Conceited
- 24 Preposition
- 25 Hypothetical force
- 26 Dawn goddess
- 30 Purloins
- 32 Russian cathedral city
- 33 Gaelic
- 36 Moving truck
- 37 To content
- 40 To discover
- 43 Six
- 45 Symbol for actinium
- 47 Celtic Highlanders
- 48 To skin
- 49 Ireland
- 50 Aspiration
- 54 To knock
- 56 Rifter vetch
- 57 Born
- 58 Punct: always
- 61 Butterfly

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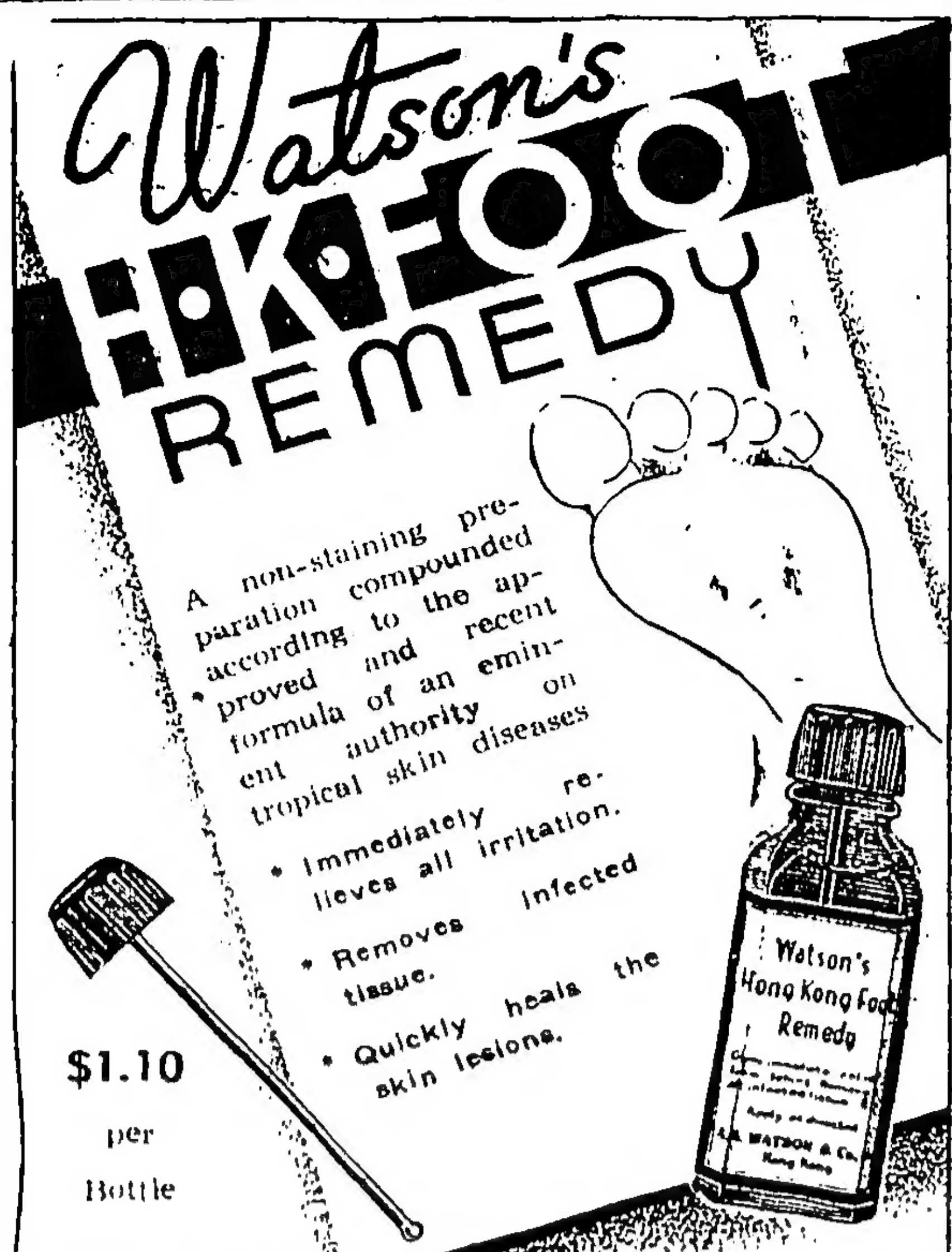


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## DROPPING EVERY FEW MILES The Official Account

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It must be borne in mind that this great battle was made up of squadron attacks followed by numbers of personal combats, all taking place more or less at the same time above this wide area. Squadrons, flying in pairs or wings of three units, went into action in formation against an enemy similarly disposed. After the first attack, delivered as often as possible out of the sun, they broke up and individual duels took place all over the sky.

Certain of the more striking incidents may be briefly recorded. There were dive attacks carried out by one squadron of Spitfires which twice passed through an enemy bomber formation, each time delivering beam attacks as they did so. These tactics threw the enemy into extreme confusion. Bombers flew on almost blindly, aircraft dropping in flames or in uncontrolled dives with every few miles of the return journey. From one such aircraft, of which the cowl and cabin top blew off, its crew baled out, all except the rear-gunner, who was seen to be hanging from the lower escape hatch until his aircraft dived into a wood ten miles East of Canterbury.

Then there was a pilot who twice attacked an Me.109 which each time strove to escape in an almost vertical dive. The first of these, from 20,000 ft., was successful for the German pilot straightened out, but only to find that the British pilot had followed him down and was close upon him. "By that time," said the British pilot, "I was going faster than the enemy aircraft and I continued firing until I had to pull away to the right to avoid a collision." His burst of fire had taken effect, for the German never recovered but plunged down until he entered a cloud about 6,000 ft. below, when the British pilot had to recover from the dive as his aircraft was going at approximately 480 miles per hour. "I then made my way through the cloud at a reasonable speed," he reported "and saw the wreckage of the enemy aircraft burning furiously. I sky-climbed through the cloud and narrowly missed colliding with a Ju.88 which was on fire and being attacked by numerous Hurricanes."

There was also the Dornier which crashed just outside Victoria Station. Members of its crew landed by parachute on Kennington Oval, while the Hurricane pilot, who had shot it down and whose aircraft had gone into an uncontrollable spin when the enemy blew up beneath him, landed safely in Chelsea. Nevertheless, the Yellow-nosed Squadrons, the elite of the German Air Force, acquitted themselves bravely and showed greater skill than their less well trained comrades. It was observed that they usually attacked in pairs, disposed in line astern some 75 yds. apart.

Occasionally, fire at long range proved effective. Close range combat was the rule, but it is recorded that a Hurricane pilot fired at enemy aircraft, moving faster than his own and about to get out of range, and hit it at 800 yds. This caused it to slow up and his second burst was fired from 500 yds. Eventually, he finished it off at 25 yds. Another Hurricane pilot who had broken off the fight because the cooling system of the engine of his aircraft was giving trouble and who was therefore returning to the base, encountered a lone Me.109 which he stalked out of the sun and shot down from 500 yds.

At this stage in the fight, it became clear that the enemy bomber pilot felt themselves to be no match for the British. It was generally observed that, as soon as contact was established, they jettisoned their bombs, then broke formation and turned at once for their base. Thus twenty Dornier 215s were encountered above London Docks flying in diamond formation, escorted by Me.109s, "stepped up" to 22,000 ft. The

bombers were broken up by a level quarter attack and this enabled our intercepting squadron to pursue them relentlessly and shoot down most of them.

Occasionally, in this confused and struggling fight, British squadrons found themselves temporarily outnumbering the enemy. Thus, at 12.15 p.m. a mixed force of Hurricanes and Spitfires, amounting to the greater part of five squadrons, was over the South of the Thames, somewhere near Hammersmith. Here they encountered an inferior number of enemy aircraft and did terrible execution.

But it was seldom that we had the advantage in numbers. The enemy, however, seemed unable to profit by his numerical superiority. A single Hurricane, for example, encountered twelve Yellow-nosed Messerschmitts flying straight at it. The pilot dived under them but swooped upwards and shot down the rear aircraft from directly underneath. As he still had plenty of speed, the British pilot half rolled off at the top of his loop and followed the enemy formation which had not apparently perceived the fate of their comrade in the rear rank. The British pilot accordingly destroyed another enemy aircraft from the rear and damaged a second before the Germans became aware of what was happening and he was forced, being still in numerical inferiority of nine to one, to break off action.

The fight was all over by 12.30 p.m. and, by that time the citizens of London and South East England were sitting down to their Sunday dinner, the enemy were in full flight to their bases in Northern France. One of those citizens had special cause to rejoice in the result of the fighting. The Prime Minister had spent the morning in one of the Operations Rooms of No. 11 Group. It was observed that for once his cigar remained unlit as he followed the swift changes of battle depicted on the table map before him.

Some of the enemy had for a brief moment succeeded in penetrating into the centre of the Capital, but they dropped only few bombs. The fire was too hot, the defence too strong. 70 of the estimated 250 aircraft in the attack, equalling 28 per cent, were seen to crash that morning. 10 more were considered probably to have been destroyed and 28 were observed by our pilots to break off action in a damaged condition. These figures, compiled immediately after the fight and in accordance with the very strict rules applied by the Royal Air Force to pilot's reports, probably underestimate the casualties they inflicted. Even so, the Luftwaffe lost slightly over 48 per cent of the aircraft used in this morning attack.

Despite the sound and fury of battle that sunny autumn day, citizens of London had their Sunday dinner in peace. A lull ensued for about 1½ hours. Then, shortly after 2 p.m., fresh enemy forces returned to the attack in about the same strength as had been employed that morning. German aircraft crossed the coast near Dover in two waves, first of 150, second of 100. These formations spread over South East and South West Kent and over Maidstone.

Before they could proceed further, they were intercepted by fighters of the Royal Air Force. 21 squadrons were sent into the air and 21 squadrons made contact with the enemy. This time the numbers on each side were fairly equal and the fighting superiority of the British force was immediately established. Our fighters tore into the enemy's formations, ripping through them like a knife through calico. That was how it sounded from the ground. So determined was the British defence, so effective these tactics, that the German formations were again instantly broken up. This was an opportunity for each pilot to single out an adversary and, in a few moments, the sky was again a

battlefield. In all that space, from the Thames Estuary to Dover, from London to the Coast, dog-fights were soon in furious progress. Squadrons were swiftly scattered, so that two which took off together from their base might, 15 minutes later, be fighting 50 miles apart.

There was nothing haphazard about this interception of the enemy. It was only possible, on such a scale and in so effective a manner, because every detail had been planned and tested in the fighting of the previous months. So, as reports came through of the German approach, we were able to despatch from correct tactical points, enough squadrons to achieve complete interception and best results, without dissipating our forces. The general principle applied in coping with earlier assaults having proved so successful, it was put into effect in this second great attack. Certain squadrons were detailed to deal with the enemy screen of high flying fighters halfway between London and the coast. This enabled others to attack bomber formations and their close escort, before they reached the line of fighter aerodromes, East and South of London. Those of the enemy who succeeded in penetrating these defences—some 70 or so—were tackled by squadrons of Hurricanes, mostly from Nos. 10 and 12 Groups who came into action over the Capital itself. They also pursued stragglers. As in the morning's fighting, some 200 individual combats took place and, although no two were quite alike, the general pattern was the same.

"I engaged the enemy in formation causing them to scatter in all directions" ran the report of one pilot; "we sighted a strong formation of enemy aircraft" wrote another and carried out a head-on attack. The enemy scattered, jettisoned their bombs and turned for home. We encountered heavy cannon fire. . . . The reports are laconic: "The whole of the nose, including the pilot's cockpit, was shot away. . . ." "Saw tracer flying past my left wing and saw Me.109 attack me. . . ." "I saw his perplexed burst and the enemy aircraft spun down. . . ." "I did not consider it worthwhile to waste any more ammunition upon it. . . ." "I then looked for more trouble and saw a He.111. I attacked and closed to about 10 ft. . . ." "I gave him everything I had. . . ." "My aircraft became uncontrollable. I baled out, coming down with my left arm paralysed (afterwards I learned it was dislocated). . . ."

As in the morning a single British aircraft, in this case a Hurricane, piloted by a Group Captain, encountered a large formation of German aircraft, both fighters and bombers, and went into the attack alone.

"There were," he said on his return, "no other British fighters in sight, so I made a head-on attack on the first section of bombers, opening at 600 yds. and closing to 200 yds." After describing how all alone he broke up the enemy formation, the Group Captain adds: "I made further attacks on the retreating bombers, each attack from climbing beam. . . . one Dornier left formation and lost height. With no ammunition left, I could not finish it off. I last saw the bomber at 3,000 ft. dropping slowly."

So it appears that each pilot had his own swift decisions to make, his own problems to meet. He was not found wanting. While the fight lasted, the Germans were destroyed at the rate of about two aircraft per minute. That afternoon's attack cost them 97 destroyed. In the entire day we lost 25 aircraft, but 14 pilots were saved.

Such was a typical day's fighting in a battle which lasted for nearly three months over the south of England.

**TO BE CONTINUED  
TO-MORROW**



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## FRANCE IN THE NOOSE

As soon as German troops crossed the Mediterranean to North Africa, it was all too apparent that the screws of the Nazi pressure machine would soon be tightened on France. Since the dismissal of M. Laval last December there had been a lull in the negotiations for "collaboration" between the victors and the vanquished. The French were left to stew in their misery while the wounds inflicted by the conqueror — the partition of the country, the separation of families, the economic bleeding — had time to fester and reduce resistance. Meantime there has been no lull in the propaganda for French adherence to the New Order, no let-up in the systematic drain on French resources, no pause in the activities of the Gestapo, no lightening of the load of fantastic occupation charges.

For a time, Vichy was made to believe that the Nazi overlords would talk to no one but Laval. But now, as Hitler prepares to strike in the Near East, Admiral Darlan has been recognised as an acceptable negotiator. More, the new Quisling has obtained concessions Laval was never able to produce — a reduction by one-fourth of the occupation costs, a relaxation of the ban on communication between the occupied and unoccupied zones. Conversations continue on wider problems that concern not only the status of France and her internal situation but her attitude in a conflict that once more moves toward French territory as inexorably as it did this time a year ago.

The quid pro quo exacted of the French is not reported, probably because it would not make the nicest reading, possibly because all the sordid details are not yet agreed upon. But Germany does not give something for nothing. Hitler's price is always high, and for "equal partnership" in the new Europe and the new Africa — the phrase now is "Eurafrica" — undoubtedly he has demanded active French co-operation against the British and undoubtedly Admiral Darlan is ready to lick his boots. To gain his end, at last become urgent, Hitler may have to do without the moral prestige of Petain, committed on the honour of a Marshal of France not to use the army, the fleet, or any part of French ter-

ritory to attack his former ally. It goes without saying that the Germans have power to install their own men in Vichy as they have done in Paris. Everything now points to an imminent showdown between a Germany still hesitant to draw the noose to the limit and a France still possessing a few last cards to play. Marshal Petain and General Weygand face a decision as desperate as the choice they made when their armies were routed and the Republic fell.



JAPANESE GYMNASTICS

# Behind British Aeroplanes

Spitfires — the British Fighting planes which are the great foe of the Nazi bomber — are being made largely through the efforts of British women workers.

In a factory stretching for miles, thousands of men and women work at row after row of machines of all sorts, shapes, and sizes — whirling metal lathes, giant jigs, turning out and assembling latest huge presses and monster metal stretching devices.

More than a third of these many hundreds of machine tools, mechanical marvels which are the real story behind the story of the aircraft which they make possible, are American.

In fact, the proportion of American equipment including tools and jigs of all sorts, is more than 50 per cent in certain blocs or units of this particular factory and the proportion is constantly increasing as shipments of more machines continue to arrive from the United States.

A surprisingly large number of these machines are operated by women. Although some machines and mechanical devices appear to be no more formidable than a small electric sewing machine, others are towering messes of steel which hiss and roar and thump alarmingly as they simmer out metal parts to be used in the production of 'planes.

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The view of young girls in flowered print aprons operating such sizzling, thundering metal monsters struck me as the most significant sight in the entire factory: the biggest aircraft factory in the world.

At present about 40 per cent of the workers in this Spitfire factory are women. But within a few weeks or months at most it is expected the proportion of women will be nearer 80 per cent.

American methods of manufacture have made this possible. The British Government have adapted American mass-production methods to this Spitfire production factory.

The result is a factory remarkably well suited to the production of such an intricate weapon as a high-speed fighter aeroplane which must be at the same time delicate of mechanism and an extremely robust article, capable of being turned out in large numbers in a short space of time.

There is a great deal of specialisation so that each worker has her or his particular operation to perform. It might be putting rivets in a frame of a Spitfire wing or it might be a more complex operation such as sewing fabric on wing and tail control flaps.

A great deal of the riveting is done by women. The plant manager says that women often make much better riveters than men. Asked why, he said he didn't know, except that they often seemed to be able to use their hands more quickly and cleverly, and also pointed out that most metal used was a relatively light aluminium alloy and not heavy steel.

The wages paid to these women workers in the Spitfire plant vary considerably. They may start at £3 a week for beginners learning a trade or for those doing the simplest type of work. Earnings of experienced women workers average about £8 weekly and rise as high as £8 or more in a few exceptional cases. Women, like the men, work 11 hours a day. For Sunday work they are paid double time.

The factory is operating on a 24-hour basis, although the night shift isn't quite so long as the day. Wage rates for men are slightly higher in most cases than those for women, and skilled aircraft workmen may easily earn

up to £15 a week on a piece-work basis.

Despite long working hours the work was obviously excellent among both men and women workers. Seeing that a large number of workers, particularly women, were wearing a pin in the shape of a miniature Spitfire, I questioned one, saying I supposed it was a badge given to workers in the factory. "Oh, no," she replied, "it is just a pin we get for contributing to our factory's Spitfire fund."

Another woman worker whom I questioned admitted she found the work hard and long hours difficult, but said, "The work has got to be done and somebody's got to do it, so why shouldn't we? It is worth it if it helps win, and if we don't win, life wouldn't be worth while, so I guess that's all there is to it."

One significant new development observed in the factory was the fact that the air raid shelters, normally outside, are now to a large extent being moved right inside the factory itself. Many of the most intricate processes and the most important machines now have their own shelter built round them.

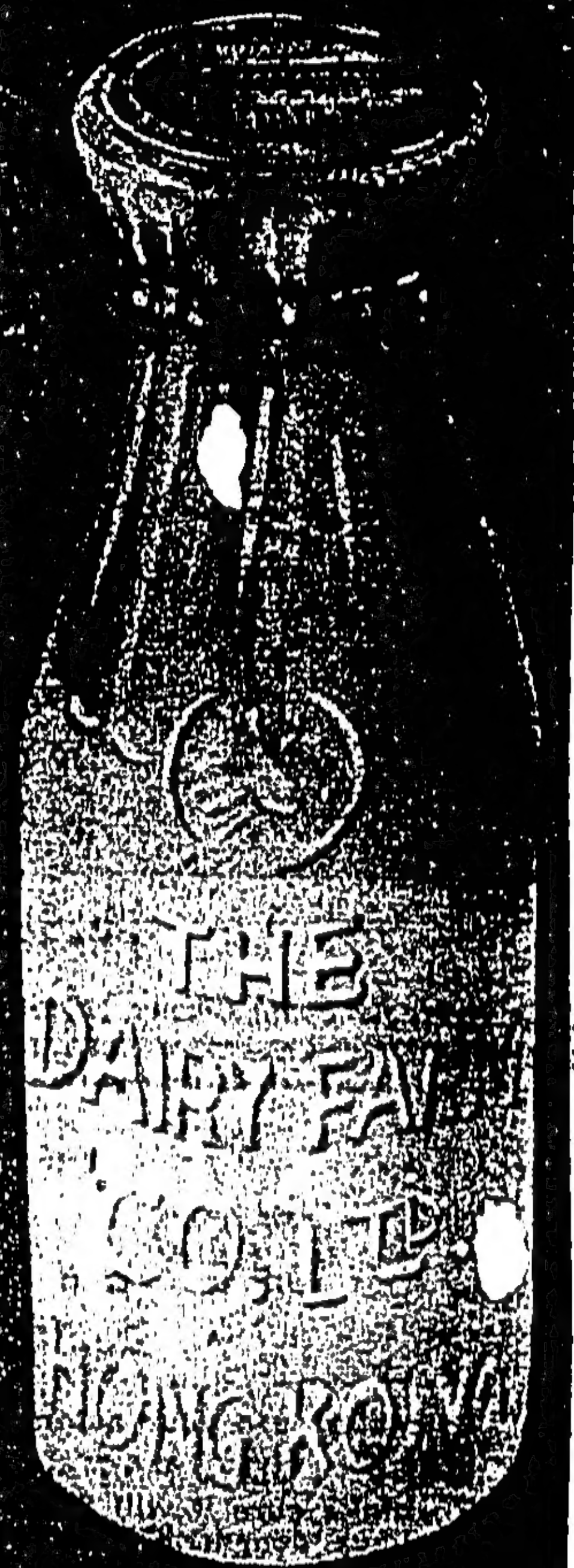
Nevertheless, considerable time is lost each week through air raids and air raid warnings, especially during night shifts. One method of beating the bomber that is being used extensively is dispersal. Not only are factories widely scattered but a large number of machines formerly concentrated into this particular factory have been removed and are now doing the same work elsewhere. The parts they produce are then brought to the factory for assembling into a finished Spitfire. Although the rate of production naturally remains secret, after seeing every stage in the manufacture from the arrival of raw material to the test flight of a completed plane equipped with its cannon, it is possible to state with confidence that Britain's Spitfires are being produced in big enough quantities to give an uncomfortably warm reception to a much larger force of Heinkels or Messerschmidts than has so far attempted a daylight air attack on Britain.

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JAPAN'S SHANSI DRIVE

# NEW OFFENSIVE JUST THE SAME OLD WAR

JAPAN'S CURRENT OFFENSIVES in the interior of China were described by foreign military observers in Shanghai as a continuance of the same futile tactics which the Japanese have followed during the past 30 months although Nippon military chiefs themselves admit they have been unable to bring decisive results.

Essentially the Japanese attacks are defensive measures, since they are aimed at relieving Chinese pressure on Nippon bases and supply lines. With few exceptions Japan lost the initiative more than two years ago when she reached the limit of her ability to hold additional territory.

Major Kunio Akiyama, spokesman for the Japanese expeditionary forces in China, told the Associated Press: "Japan has no intention of penetrating further into the interior. The present offensives constitute mopping-up operations. The Chinese refuse to take the offensive. Therefore we must strike."

## Slip-Away Tactics

From the Japanese point of view the difficulty is that when the Japanese strike the Chinese usually slip away. When the Japanese return to their bases the Chinese surround them and resume their harassing attacks. Then the Japanese have to do it all over again.

The current campaigns, similar to those of the past 30 months, can be compared to the act of pushing a stick into a dry sand pile. When the stick is withdrawn the sand pours in the hole without leaving a trace. Similarly periodic Japanese mopping up operations and subsequent withdrawal do not alter the shape of the war beyond human losses which China is better able to afford than Japan.

This same costly futile story has been enacted time and again since 1938 when the Japanese stopped winning the war after the capture of Hankow and Canton and failed to bring China to her knees in submission.

To-day the Japanese are openly baffled and discouraged. They do not know what to do next. They lack the strength to break the military stalemate.

## Peace Out Of Question

Peace appears out of the question now that Chungking has survived the shock of the Nippon-Russian neutrality pact and expects important military aid from America.

In this situation Japan may cut her commitments and withdraw to await a chance to drive toward the Soviets. However, so far, no developments confirm the reports that Japan appeared to be preparing to withdraw troops from large areas in the interior of China and concentrate her power along the seacoast.

In the present Shansi-Honan-Hupeh operations the Japanese are "winning" the same battles they have already won ten times. No strategic cities or supply routes are involved.

The Japanese will undoubtedly claim that Chungking forces have been annihilated and that Chinese resistance has been crushed but within a few months they will have to mop up the same sectors.

The Japanese reported that the Yellow River battle was nearing successful conclusion as Nippon forces along the south bank of the stream seized a ford over which 200,000 Chinese warriors were attempting to escape from Shansi.

In contrast with the futile interior operations the current Japanese coastal campaigns are yielding concrete results in the form of increased pressure on China's supply lines. They have completely severed one important secret trade route.

The Japanese are silent on the operations in northeastern Chekiang beyond Ningpo where 50,000 Chinese are surrounding a smaller number of Japanese at Chuki. The Japanese have not disclosed the strength of their forces on other fronts. — Associated Press.

## GERMANS STILL SEE LONG WAR

The Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Sociale Demokraten" cites an editorial of the "German newspaper in Belgium," which, under the title, "How Strong Is England?" was apparently preparing its readers for a long war despite Reichsfuehrer Hitler's assurances that the war would be victoriously ended this year.

Recalling the German declaration that the Reich was prepared even for a war of several years, the paper repeated Herr Hitler's statement that "1941 will be a year of great effort," and that of Premier Mussolini saying "it is likely we will have to fight for a long time." The paper then continued:

"England is not Poland; she has roots throughout the world and has not yet paid the blood toll which weakens human material. England has, to a very large extent, reserved her man power, both of the island and of the empire, for the last battle."

"Numerous English divisions are still intact," the paper continued. "The British Fleet is still the strongest naval force in the world and intends to defend its reputation of invincibility. The British air squadrons, at least to some extent, justify the praises which were cast upon them on the British Isles. It has never been bad for the victor to think of his enemy as too strong rather than too weak."

## FORT HAS A TOY GUN

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## DON'T FEED FACE

It is a crime now for women to "feed their faces" on oatmeal.

Just as the use of egg shampoos and milk skin washes is an offence against the Waste of Food Order, so is the use of toilet oatmeal for face packs or the sprinkling of fine oatmeal in the bath or hand basin.

Toilet oatmeal, which owing to the addition of perfume and other ingredients, is inedible, is no longer being made, but only her conscience can stop a woman buying a packet of fine oatmeal (unrationed) and using it to nourish her skin instead of her body.

"Any woman doing this," says the Ministry of Food, "is committing an unpatriotic act, and is liable to prosecution."

Toilet oatmeal packs given in beauty parlours now are "from stock."

## Those 'Scarlet Claws'

Latest ban on scarlet fingernails is in many first-aid casualty posts.

Nor must they be long and tapering, as doctors regard these "claws" as highly dangerous in the treatment of casualties. Nails must be cut short — which, by the way, is the rule in arms factories.

Said a chemist: "High-class nail varnishes are antiseptic, but other preparations might be dangerous in contact with open wounds."

Many of the pretty girls affected by the ban are indignant, and cannot agree that red nails reduce their efficiency. Some are compromising by cutting their nails shorter and using a neutral shade.

# DOCTOR PLANS WAR ON RHEUMATISM

A PLAN FOR a national war against rheumatism, which costs Britain more than £25,000,000 a year, is being urged by Lord Horder.

He proposes the setting up of specialised treatment centres and a campaign of research to unveil the secrets of the disease.

The number of adult sufferers in England and Wales is given as over a million, a "cautious estimate."

In Scotland there are 334,872 new cases every year.

Child sufferers in the United Kingdom are at least 200,000.

## "Most Urgent"

The plan would not involve vast expense, says Lord Horder, and would result in a prompt reduction in the ravages of the disease.

He outlines his plan in a book prepared in collaboration with the Empire Rheumatism Council, which has investigated for four years systems of treatment in Britain, the Continent, and America.

"War against rheumatism," he says, "is the most urgent of the campaigns against preventable disease."

"Considerations of humanity, national safety and true economy plead for immediate effort to check it."

Lord Horder stresses the need for educating the public regarding the onset of the disease and the necessity of early attention to first symptoms.

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# ROCKEFELLER'S DEMAND FOR U.S. CONVOYS

EMPHASING THAT every minute is precious in "this fateful hour," John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in a letter, urged that President Roosevelt take immediate action to see that American war materials and foodstuffs are "laid down at Britain's door," and that Nazi and Communist fifth columns, which he blamed for some recent disputes between industry and labour, are eliminated from the U.S. defence programme.

The philanthropist also asked industry and labour to get together to bar strikes, lockouts and stoppages of all kinds for the duration, and called on everybody to unite solidly behind the President in any measures that may be necessary to help Britain win.

He made public these statements in a letter to Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of "The New York Times," in which he expressed the belief that the President would take "prompt and effective action" as soon as he received assurance of general public support. Although he hates war, Mr. Rockefeller said the issue here was freedom against slavery, and stated his "firm conviction" that it would be better to die fighting Hitlerism than to live in a world dominated by it, and that all Americans should stand by the British Empire "to the limit and at any cost."

Mr. Rockefeller has five sons. The only unmarried one, Winthrop, volunteered for a year of training under the Selective Service Act in January, and at his own request was sent to Plattsburg, N.Y., for training with the Twenty-sixth Infantry, Regular Army. Nelson A. is an official of the Council of National Defence as co-ordinator of commercial and cultural relations among the American republics. The others, Laurance S., David and John D. 3d, all registered for selective service.

Mr. Rockefeller's letter follows:

## Hatred Of War

Dear Mr. Sulzberger:  
You and I have had several talks during recent months regarding the relation of the Americas to the European war. There are certain definite conclusions which I have now reached. May I state them briefly.

Let me say at the outset that, like most people I hate war. All my life I have hated it. I have always preferred the ways of peace and have followed them whenever possible. But when all peaceful methods have failed and the issue was worth standing for at any price, even if it meant a fight, I have never hesitated to see it through on that basis.

That is my position regarding the present conflict. It is my firm conviction, arrived at in anguish of spirit, that the people of the United States and of all the Americas should see this conflict through; that we should stand by the British Empire to the limit and at any cost.

The issue that is being fought out is simple and clear cut. Shall free men live under laws of their own making and under leaders of their own choosing, or shall human beings exist as slaves under the lash of the tyrant while all that makes life worth living, and even life itself, are subject to the whim of the oppressor?

## Rather Die Fighting

I am convinced that force can never be permanently subdued by force, that hate cannot annihilate hate nor evil drive out evil. Nevertheless, for myself, and I say it deliberately, I would rather die fighting the brutal, barbarous, inhuman force represented by Hitlerism than live in a world which is dominated by that force. It is because I believe the same is true of an overwhelming number of Americans that I say we of the Americas should stand by the British Empire to the limit and at any cost.

It is not enough to fabricate the munitions of war in adequate variety and overwhelming quantity or to provide the raw materials needed and the foodstuffs required—they are all valueless unless laid down at Britain's door. How that can best be done, it is the responsibility of the President

and his military advisers to determine. I firmly believe that prompt and effective action on his part only awaits the assurance of general public support of such means as it may be necessary to adopt for the accomplishment of that end.

## Two Essentials

To provide in adequate quantity and lay down at Britain's door the munitions of war required to insure her successful issue from this conflict, two things are absolutely essential:

1. On the part of the citizenry generally, a united public opinion solidly behind the President in whatever may be necessary to achieve the desired end.

2. On the part of industry and labour, a united determination to keep the wheels of industry running at top speed and highest productive capacity, thus eliminating during the period of the emergency all strikes, lockouts, labour disputes and stoppages of every character. Confident that, to some extent at least, recent industrial disputes have been due to fifth-column activities, Nazi or Communist, it is my belief that the country will support the President solidly in adopting immediately the fullest measures to free industry and labour from such subversive and anti-American influences and handicaps.

The magnificent tenacity and unparalleled courage of the English nation must be reinforced by our fullest aid. Every hour is precious. We must act to-day."

## FINDS LOVER SHOT---WILL JOIN WAAFS

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Grief-stricken at the death of her soldier sweetheart, who shot himself when he knew he could not be married immediately, nineteen-year-old Elizabeth Moore has decided to join the W.A.A.F.

At the inquest she told how she followed her fiancé, Private Alfred Hughes, aged twenty, from his home in Court's Road, Stepney, E., to her home across the road, and there found him dead.

## Acted In Son's Interest

"My wife had just explained to Alfred that he could not afford to get married immediately," his father Mr. Benjamin Hughes, told me. "After the inquest Elizabeth left us, saying she was going to join the Air Force."

Hughes left his home in a "huff" and shot himself with his service rifle.

She had known him since August.

The coroner said that the mother probably acted in her son's interest. He recorded a verdict of Suicide while the balance of mind was disturbed.

## IN BRIEF — SALVATION

This story was told by the President of the Board of Education at Liverpool:

A young preacher in Scotland, before entering the pulpit, asked an elder how long he should preach.

"Far be it from me to say anything that might abridge the Gospel message," said the elder, "but we have no record here of any soul being saved after the first ten minutes."

## BEAUTY LED TO MURDER

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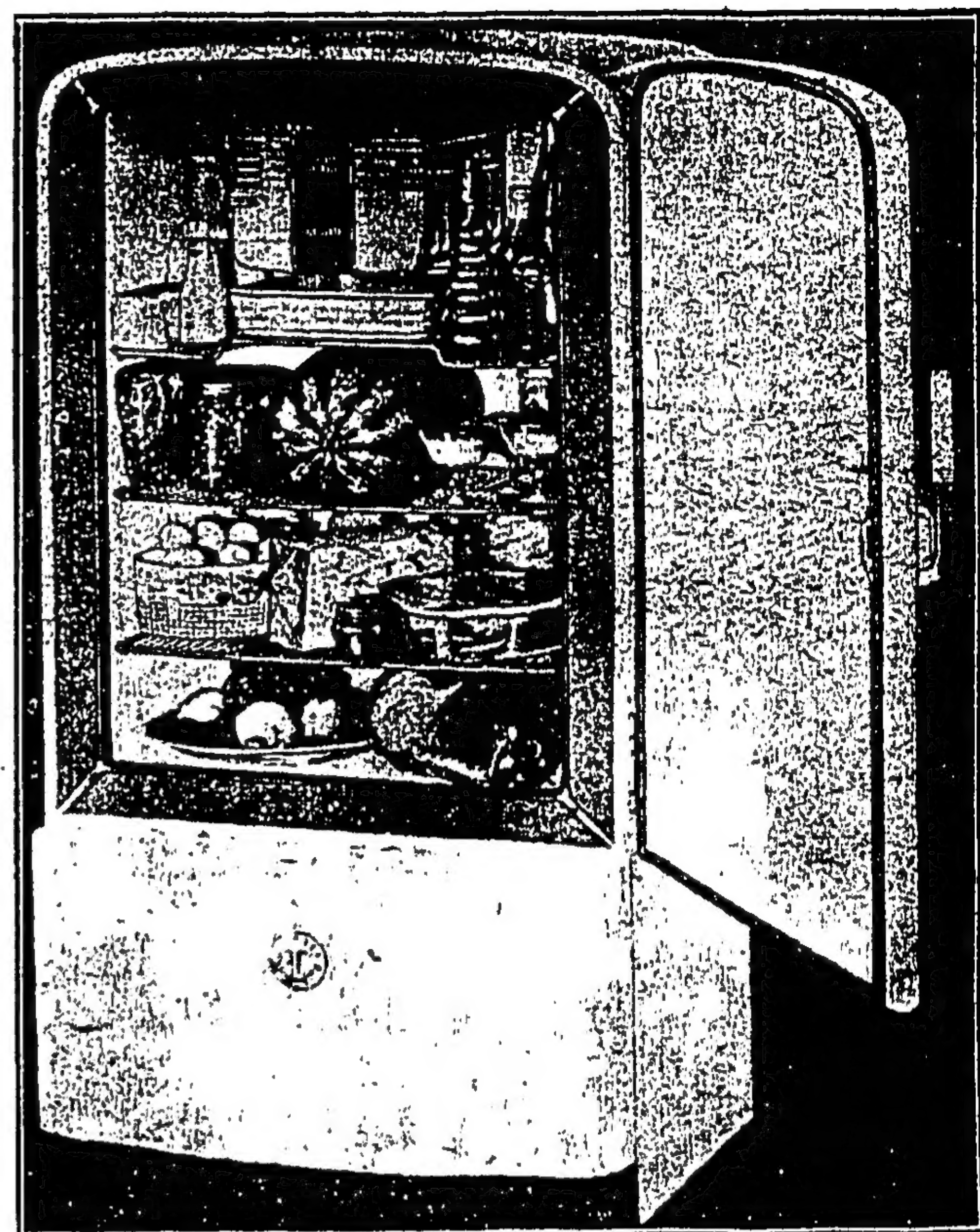
This threat sent William crazy. He stabbed Nedra, his son and his mother-in-law, and then stabbed himself.

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**BRIDGE NOTES**

**CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 44**

**By The Four Aces**

It's hard to believe that an experienced player could commit the Bridge atrocity about to be described — but we saw it happen with our own eyes.

North, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ 5 2  
♥ A 8 7 2  
♦ A 7 3  
♣ K Q 10 7

**WEST**  
♠ Q J 10 6  
♥ Q J 10  
♦ Q 8 4  
♣ A 8 4

**EAST**  
♠ 9 4  
♥ 9 6  
♦ K 10 9 6 2  
♣ J 9 6 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 8 7 3  
♥ K 6 4 3  
♦ J 6  
♣ 5 2

**The bidding:**

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Queen of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. A low trump was then led to South's King, and a low club returned towards dummy. West stepped up with the club Ace, cashed the Jack of hearts, and led a low diamond.

From that point on, Declarer could not win ten tricks. He won two clubs, two spades, one diamond, two high trumps, and one low ruff in each hand.

We think you've already spotted both crime and criminal in this hand. If not, take a good look before reading on.

South was the criminal for leading a second round of trumps before starting the clubs. Correct play is to win the first trick with the heart King and lead a low club. If West takes the club Ace and returns another trump, dummy wins and starts the spades at once. That line of play allows Declarer to make three tricks with low trumps, and a long spade is brought in for an eleventh trick!

The opening lead should have warned South that the defenders intended to draw trumps; and if it was a good idea for them, it couldn't also be a good thing for him to help their plan along.

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Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ K J 9 7  
♥ A J 4  
♦ K 10 5 3  
♣ A 10

**The bidding:**

Maier	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	(?)		

**ANSWER:** Pass. The bidding is certain to continue, so there is no need for you to pounce on the opponents at this point. There is little wisdom in doubling three spades when you can wait for a sure double of an even higher contract.

Score 100% for pass, 20% for double.

**Question No. 723**

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Maier	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	(?)		

**What do you bid?**  
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Fathers of offending children, he said, should be sent to places like Castle Howard Farm School and mothers to some other disciplinary centre. The children should be sent to a welfare colony. "The deporting and disciplining of parents is matter over which we have no jurisdiction," said the chairman.

It was decided to establish a child guidance clinic to counteract juvenile crime and to contact parents of child offenders.

**POLICE CHIEF LOSES CASE**

SIR JOHN MAXWELL, CHIEF CONSTABLE OF MANCHESTER AND DIRECTOR OF THE FIRE BRIGADE, LOST A CASE DESCRIBED AT MANCHESTER COUNTY COURT AS "UNIQUE IN LEGAL HISTORY."

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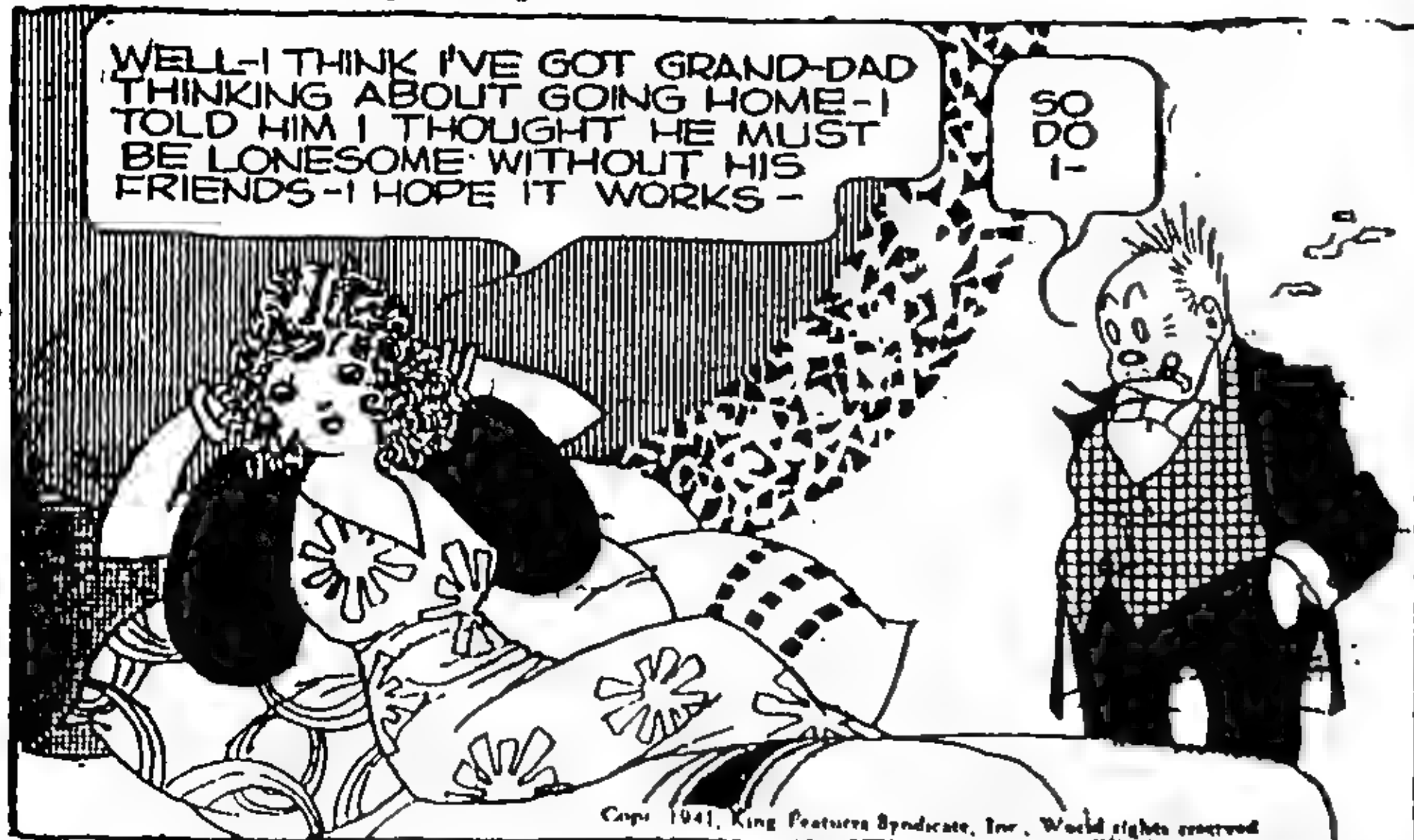
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12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra with Jan Kiepura (Tenor).

The Carthus Princess Polpouti (Kabanov) Edith Lorand & her Viennese Orchestra My Heart is Always Calling You (film "My Heart is Calling") Jan Kiepura (Tenor) with Orchestra Halmer Serenade Rondo (Mozart) Edith Lorand & her Viennese Orchestra I Mean to Say I Love You, Sweet Melody of Night (both from film "Give Us This Night") Jan Kiepura (Tenor) with Orchestra Le Coq d'Or—Hymn to the Sun (Rimsky-Korsakov), Eugen Onegin Selection (Tchaikovsky) Edith Lorand & her Viennese Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Bing Crosby, Judy Garland and Renara.

Vocal Sweet Georgia Brown (Bennie & others), After Sundown (Freed & Brown), Bing Crosby with Orch. Pippo Zing! Went the Strings of My Heart (Hanley), "Glamorous Night" Waltz Medley (Novello) Renara, Vocal—Figaro (film "Robbery in Arms"), Oceans Apart (Rooney, Miller), Judy Garland with Orchestra Piano—Variations on "Tipperary" (Williams & Judge), Miracles Sometimes Happen (Noble), Renara Vocal—Joobahat (film "Paris Honeymoon") Bing Crosby with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Tchaikovsky's "Hamlet" Overture & Theme and Variations from Suite No. 3 in G.

Overture "Hamlet", Op. 67 B London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Antal Dorati.

Theme and Variations from Suite No. 3 in G London Symphony Orch. cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Mozart's "Don Giovanni" Act 1.

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8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—A Request Variety Programme.

Organ—Blaze Away—March (Holzmann) Reginald Dixon Vocal Sweet Potato Piper (film "The Road to Singapore") Bing Crosby assisted by The Foursome Fox-Trot Penny Serenade Mantovani and his Orchestra Cockney Monologues—Brown Boots (Weston & Lee) Stanley Holloway with Piano Vocal—Palms of Paradise (film "Typhoon") Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra, Tango—South of the Border Jack Harris & his Orchestra Vocal—Cecilia (Ruthy Dreyer) Dick Todd (Baritone) with Orchestra Vocal—I Can't Love You Any More (Maxidson, Wrubel) Bebe Daniels with Orchestra, Piano—Surrender Serenade (Carle) Patricia Rossborough Humorous Sketch—Careless Talk, Leslie Henson & Stanley Holloway Vocal Duet—Will You Remember? (film "Maytime") Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) and Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra Organ—One Kiss (Roumberg) Reginald Dixon, Vocal—It's a Hap-Hap-Happy Day (film "Gulliver's Travels") Arthur Askey with Orchestra, Fox-Trot—At The Balalaika Jack Hyllon & his Orchestra Vocal—La Traviata (Verdi) from the film "100 men & a girl" Deanna Durbin, Orchestral—Blue Danube—Waltz (Strauss) De Groot and the Piccadilly Orchestra, Vocal—There'll Always Be An England (Parker & Charles) Dennis Noble (Baritone) with piano accomp.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—A Programme of Irish Music and Songs.

Phil The Fluter's Ball (French); The Mountains O' Mourne (French—Collinson), Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra, Irish Medley—Intro; Rakes of Morrow; Mother Machree; When Irish Eyes are Smiling; A Little Bit of Heaven; Garry Owen; Irish Washerwoman; Peggy O'Neill; Rose of Tralee; Killarney; St. Patrick's Day; Reginald Dixon (Organ) The Hat My Father Wore (Schwartz—Jerome); Billy Murray (Vocal) with Harry's Tavern Band. Eel in the Sink—Irish Reel—Frank Murphy (Accordeon) with Piano. That's How You Can Tell They're Irish (Gaskill—Grey); Billy Murray with Harry's Tavern Band. Londonderry Air (arr. Kreisler); Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp. The Dear Little Shamrock (Jackson); Danny Malone (Tenor) with Organ.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Vivian Ellis at the Piano.

"On Your Toes" Piano Medley (Hart & Rodgers); "The Town Talks" Piano Medley (Ellis).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

10.15 p.m.—George Boulanger and His Orchestra, with Lily Pons (Soprano) and Keith Falkner (Baritone).

Tango Torero (Boulanger); George Boulanger & his Orchestra, Cupid Captive (Leigh Hunt—Frank La Forge); Little Star (Rengel); Lily Pons (Soprano) with Orchestra, Caucasian Suite (Ippolitow-Iwanow); Village Scene; Entry of the Sirdar; George Boulanger & his Orchestra, Shepherd, Seq. Thy Horse's Foaming Mane (Korhay); Hadj A Horse (Korhay); Keith Falkner (Baritone) with piano accomp. For You Only—Serenade (Boulanger); Let Us Dream—Serenade (Boulanger); George Boulanger & his Orchestra, I'm the Echo (film "I dream too much"); Lily Pons (Soprano) with Orch. Budapest at Night (Hungarian Airs); George Boulanger & his Orch. A Song Doesn't Care; Wings (both from film "Mayfair Melody"); Keith Falkner (Baritone) with Orch. & Chorus, Once Only—Tango (Benatzky); George Boulanger & his Orchestra.

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## BOMBED CHURCHES CARRY ON

Examples of how churches in Britain are carrying on despite air-raid damage, are found in two southcoast ports. Moreover a degree of cooperation and understanding never previously achieved between different denominations has resulted from the need for mutual help.

Dotted about amid the destruction and damage in both towns, are the ruins of no less than 36 churches, of every denomination. There is also considerable damage done to two cathedrals.

This is a heavy toll taken in only two towns. Among those entirely destroyed are two churches dating from the thirteenth and the fifteenth centuries, as well as some relatively modern buildings. Added to the churches damaged are numerous other places of worship used by other denominations.

Demolition of churches has completely failed to keep people from worshipping. Congregations are being cared for in the neighbouring unharmed churches. There are rearranged services, and the clergy from the bombed areas are sharing the work, also special services, often at unorthodox times, to meet the needs of the "homeless" congregations and soldiers and sailors who have lost their own garrison churches.

From their adversity the Free Churches are building up a new unity. Combined services attended by Congregationalists, Baptists, and Wesleyans, are being held in the churches left standing. An appeal has even been launched to the Free Churches to accept the challenge of the situation and grasp the opportunity for joining together permanently, sinking all differences and becoming a united Free Church.

In these stricken towns citizens are determined to continue with their religious worship, come what may. If all their churches were destroyed they say they would still have the open air for services.

## S.O.S. SAVED BLACK-OUT

A few minutes before her husband was due to broadcast a worried little woman telephoned the B.B.C., asking them to give him an S.O.S. They did.

The urgent message was hurriedly whispered as he stood before the mike ready to go on the air. "Don't forget to see the cat is in, dear, and shut the window."

The worried wife was spending the night in town and thought her husband, returning home in the black-out, might switch on the light before shutting the window left open for the cat.

Owing to the temporary indisposition of His Excellency the Governor, the "At Home" intended to be given by the Indian Association to-day at the Gloucester Hotel, is postponed to some future date which will be announced later.



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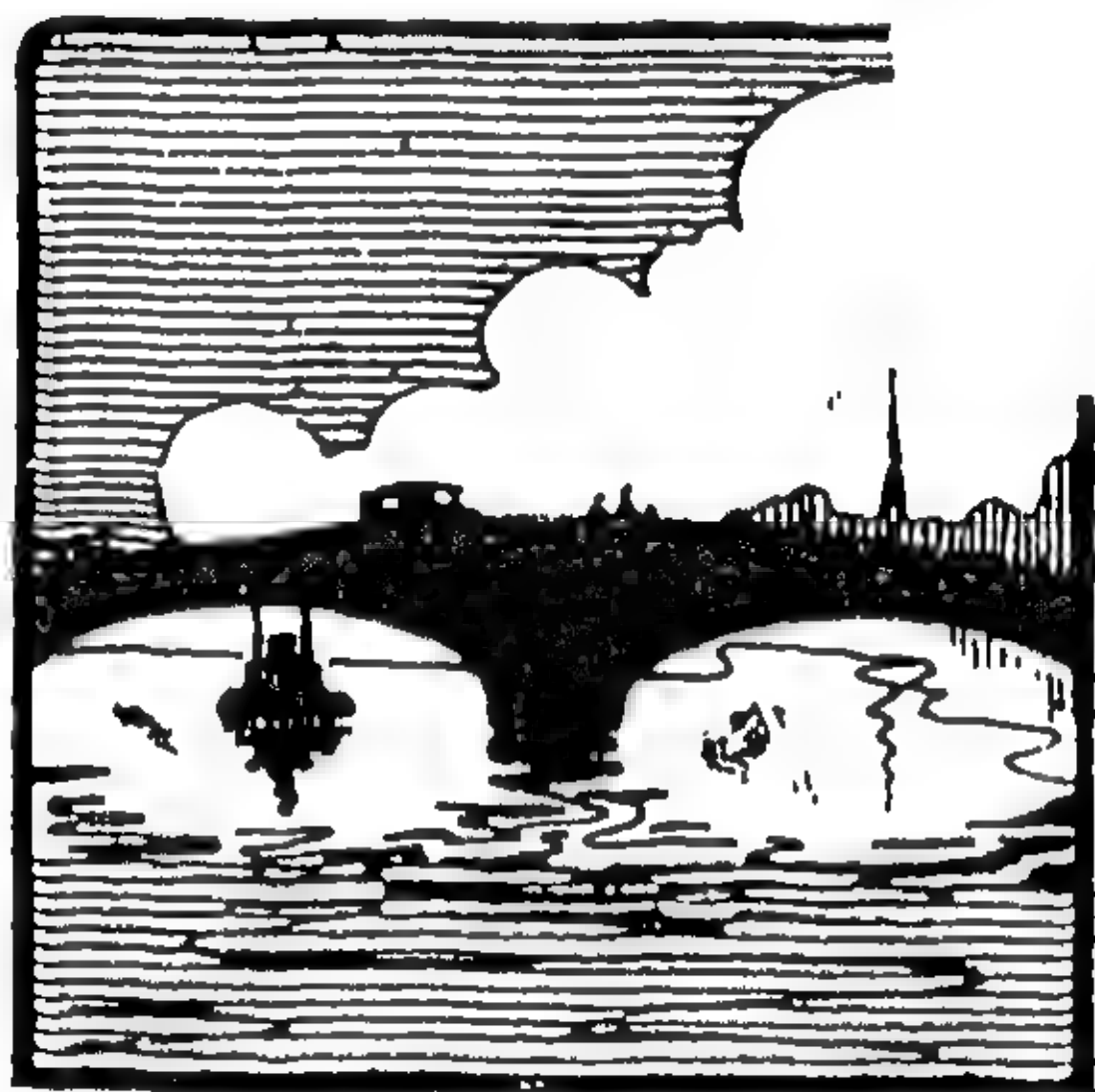
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# INDIANS BRING OFF THE BEST RESULT TO DATE

## K.C.C. Trounced But Fincher Takes Limelight

### SECOND DIVISION

## C.C.C. ARE SETTLING DOWN

By "Lead"

Kowloon Tong, who are going great guns at the moment, had an easy passage against Cricket Club and at no time were they in any danger. Indeed in the early stages, they were going along at such a pace that it seemed more than probable that a record margin would be established, but Cricket Club fought back well.

Stephens, having a useful start against Goodwin, never looked back, although the opposition did get to within two shots just before tea. The Kowloon Tong front men were all in form and consequently, Stephens did not have as much to do as he has had hitherto. Mackay had a slight edge on Aitkenhead, while Lim, although Duncan was in great form and saving continually, gave a better display than in any other match this season. Wong was far more consistent than Rowell.

Stephens and Goodwin had a great tussle and the ex-K.C.C. player must have saved his side at least a dozen shots in the course of the match. He was equally adept when it came to dead drawing or a pound on, but fortune usually favoured the visitors.

Kew, given splendid support, had an easy passage against Brown, who was obliged to come up heavy on at least 75 per cent of the heads in order to attempt to save big counts. Brown usually favours a heavy shot but on Saturday they just would not run for him.

For Kew, Henry Castro, his lead, touched his very best form and touchers were the rule rather than the exception, while Madar also, after two mediocre matches, came into his own with a good all-round display.

Howard, after being 28-6 up, beat Costello by 18 shots. Teddy Castro again played well, while Billie Gittins, in his first match this season, gave a splendid display. Costello himself was the best of the losing rink, with S. L. Lloyd doing some good work on occasion.

### Useful Combination

Craigengower, having recovered from the shock given them by Prison Officers in their first League match of the season, have now settled down into a useful combination and I await the result of their match with the potential champions, Kowloon Football Club, on Saturday with much interest.

Lock, with a reconstituted team, had a very good win over Melrose, despite the great individual efforts of the latter. Razack, back to lead, showed much improvement on his previous display, and Kitchell, who had not played previously for some four years, was useful at No. 2. Ernie Zimmerman was an extremely valuable man to his skip, who usually had less to worry about than his opposite number. There was little to choose between the front men as MacArthur, Goull and Main all did their stuff on occasions, but Melrose had a slight edge on Lock.

Sollna, Forman and Ward supported Randall well in his game against Chalmers, Ward in particular being on his game, but the Talkoo skip played an uncanny game and the fact that he won by four shots is ample testimony to his prowess.

Chalmers was saving continually. On one occasion, Craigengower were lying five, when Chalmers came up with his last wood to draw the very first.

Randall had an off day. With his rink bolstered by the presence of Luigi Souza, Medina had a comparatively easy passage against Watson, and won by a round dozen. Joe Xavier at lead and Lionel Lamert both did well for the winners.

### Curtis Shines

A very useful-looking team on paper, Kowloon Cricket Club took two matches to settle down but they finally got away with a win last week over the erstwhile

## Shepherd Rallies To Beat Carlos Silva

By "Lead"

BEST RESULT IN last week's programme of League bowls matches was the fine win of Indian Recreation Club over Kowloon Bowling Green Club's senior team, although the fact that I.R.C. were playing at home makes that result not so surprising as might appear at a glance.

Other senior matches went as expected. Craigengower registered a clean-sweep against K.C.C. but the Champions dropped a point to Police, for whom Jack Shepherd was again in the limelight with a brilliant win over the inimitable Carlos Silva.

K.F.C. were not engaged in Second Division and the table is now headed by Kowloon Tong, who had a clean-sweep against Cricket Club, with Prison Officers well in the hunt.

K.F.C. and I.R.C. are showing splendid form in Third Division and it is interesting to note that under the new system of scoring the former team are only a point and a half in arrears, although they have lost a match.

The weather on Saturday was ideal and, with the fine start the League has had this year, there is every reason to expect that the current season will be one of the best ever.

### Best So Far

I.R.C. pulled off the best performance thus far this season by beating K.B.G.C. "A" at Sookun-poo. The Indians on their own ground, however, are always liable to cause an upset and I rather expected that they would give a good account of themselves.

Holland gave a ding-dong struggle with Dallah and did very well to win after being 13-18 down at the 18th. Man for man there was little in it and the two-shot

Senior team, H.K.F.C.

Bob Meadows was the chief reason for their success, his 13-shot win over Pearce more than making up for Tommy Carr's defeat. Langley, brought into the team late, played a useful game at No. 1 for Meadows, although he fell away a little in the later stages, while "Diddler" Martin was generally thereabouts.

Curtis played one of his best games of the season and consequently Meadows rarely had very much to worry about.

For Pearce, Brooksbank was the star but he did not receive the necessary support.

Carr did not do badly against Gill but he did not always have the best of luck. Cabell was holding Howell but Tony Fabel was obviously not happy and Stephens usually had an edge on him. Hubert Overy, although a trifle erratic, played some excellent shots and Carr himself on occasions was brilliant, his heavy ones particularly so, but they just would not run for him. Gill, near the end, was drawing beautifully and on his own showing thoroughly deserved his win.

Steven had a dour struggle with Macfarlane and it was not until the 16th head that he got his nose in front and just managed to hold his lead in the face of a big challenge by Macfarlane at the last two ends.

### Prison Officers Again

Prison Officers continue to knock 'em over. Their latest victims were Recrelo, who were beaten on their own territory.

Gowland, well-supported by his front men particularly McCutcheon at No. 3, had the better of O. P. Remedios throughout and was never in difficulties. At one stage he was leading by 24-6 and eventually finished 19 shots to the good.

Jillott, who suffered his first setback, had little assistance from his front men and was always up against it. Pereira, Marques and Noronha were in grand form and completely outbowed their opposite numbers, with the result that Remedios, himself, had little to do but consolidate, which he did with some success.

Bagley's rink had some difficulty in finding the green in the early stage and they dropped seven shots on the first two heads; but, having settled down, they were never in any further danger. Foster was the pick of the winning rink, being particularly deadly with his drawing, and Bagley himself did well. Soares, I am told, had an off day and on many occasions came up much too wide.

margin just about sums up the respective strengths.

Sherriff met with his third successive defeat but on this occasion did not have the best of luck. On two occasions I am told he took the jack through when his opponents were lying a count but on both occasions it sprung the wrong way by a fraction and he failed to improve.

Sykes started off very well, when he had somewhat the better of Hoosen, but he then fell away. There was not much to choose between the other front men but A. K. Minu was in brilliant form and had a great deal to do with the victory of his rink.

The effect of the new system of scoring was felt in the Abbas-Mall match.

Hall had been 4-18 down but had recovered well. This match was the last to finish and although there was no possibility of the aggregate result being changed, it was interesting to see whether Hall could secure a three or a four at the last end and so tie or win and thus reduce the margin of defeat.

It was a very long head, which Sufflad proceeded to make longer by trailing the jack and then following on into the ditch. With the kitty only a yard from the dyke, White drew two beauties but K. M. Rumjahn took the jack back to within a foot and followed into the ditch. With his next wood Rumjahn drew second shot, his wood resting side by side with White's. Meyer's second wood was a foot short but counted fourth.

With only K.M.'s wood stopping a count that would at least have given a tie, Hall tried a spectacular shot to pick the offending wood out but failed and Abbas did not alter the tie. With his last wood Hall attempted to knock Meyer's wood on to Rumjahn's and remove by that method. He succeeded to a certain extent but was not heavy enough and although Meyer's wood hit the other, it was only knocked off to one side and Hall only counted one in the final check-up.

Sufflad had an even match with Phillips but White had an edge on K. M. Rumjahn. A. M. Rumjahn usually managed to beat Joe Meyer and Hall, although he played some brilliant shots including one uncanny dead draw, could not get the better of "Abe", who was excellent.

### Fincher's Task

K.C.C. were never in the picture against Craigengower, who, for the second week in succession, registered a clean sweep.

Teddy Fincher, drawn against Omar's all-star rink, had an unenviable task and, with his front men all being outbowed, was consistently up against it. I am told that nearly every time he went down to bowl the other side were lying a bunch. He played a wonderful game—in fact his gallant display was the feature of this match—but although he saved on numerous occasions, he could not do it all himself and, not unnaturally, he went down by 21 shots.

Tommy Madar, who is in grand form in his first season as a skip, did very well against Bradbury and but for a last-minute lapse would not have lost by more than three or four after being, at one time, down by 5-17.

Guest, who after all has not had very much experience, could not get the hang of the tricky Craigengower green, and Parsons, although he played some useful shots, was also not very happy. Consequently much depended on Norman Bebbington and Madar himself. Their success can be gauged from the fact that the K.C.C. rink scored at 9

ends. The Craigengower rink was fairly consistent all through.

Notwithstanding the brilliant efforts of Joe Fraser, who was in great form, his rink went down to Rosselet by 15 shots. Fraser was 8-9 at the 10th end but was then blanked for the next eight ends, during which time Rosselet put together 17 shots. Taylor played some useful shots but the other members of the K.C.C. rink were no match for their opposite numbers.

### Fine Win

Although the Champions continue on their victorious way, the outstanding performance of the week was returned in the course of their match with Police. I refer to Jack Shepherd's win over Carlos Silva.

It is possible that Silva feels the absence of Johnnie Ribeiro, who is in Shanghai, but this is the second successive match in which he has established an early superiority only to fall away badly in the latter stages. Against K.C.C. Tommy Madar nearly pulled it off, scoring 14 shots after tea and only losing by two after being 6-20 down.

Shepherd went one better. At the tea-interval he was 10-16 down, and would have been even further down the sink had he not scored a four at the last end before the breather. After tea Silva scored a two, but Shepherd went away with four singletons in succession, 3 1 3 to 21-18. He then conceded a two at the last end to win by the narrowest possible margin.

Individually there was little to choose between the two rinks. Joe Luz and Melrod had a great struggle at lead and Marques and Harris were well-matched. Dick Alves and Dall did all that could be expected of them, while Shepherd, who is in grand form this year, more than held his own against his brilliant opponent and thoroughly deserved his success.

It is interesting to note at this juncture that Carlos Silva played 18 matches last season and only lost one—the last but one against Fred Jones' Civil Service rink, the three front men being W. J. Burling, J. Hempsey and H. E. Strange. Silva then had the same rink that played on Saturday except that Johnnie Ribeiro was in at No. 3 instead of Alves.

Ted Post lost by nine shots to "Spuggy" Silva, the slight superiority of the front men proving the deciding factor. Smith, erstwhile junior player, made a promising debut for the Police and can be said to have justified his inclusion.

From the scores it would appear that Wally Mair was given an awful lacing by Luz. I am told that this was far from being the case, however, and that things would just not go right for the Police rink. The front men were fairly well-matched but Luz himself was in brilliant form and although Mair did his best—and a very useful best it was—the experience of the Recrelo skip enabled him to register big counts at the right moments.

### Morrison's Big Effort

Notwithstanding Bob Morrison's big win over Jack McKelvie K.B.G.C. "B" beat Kowloon Dockers by 12 shots.

Morrison's success was largely due to the brilliant efforts of Ferguson, his right-hand man, and his own marvellous form. Getting away to a good start, the Dock rink were never in any difficulty.

The deadly form of the two front men, Scard and Deacon, played a big part in Guy's win over Tommy Coleman. Although the two first-named were rarely far away, they did not have matters all their own way by any means, as Bob Lapsley and McMaster were always thereabouts. The fact therefore, that Drew and Guy had little to do reflects the showing of Scard and Deacon. Greig, the Dock No. 3, had a bad day but Coleman drew some nice ones.

Canny Bob Duncan had all the support he wanted from his rink and consequently had an extremely easy passage against Kempton, the Dock quartette scoring at only six ends.

### Medicos Good

Recrelo "B", which seems to be a particularly well-balanced if not brilliant side, had yet another success on Saturday, when they beat Civil Service at the Valley.

The Medical Profession were well to the fore in the Guterres-MacGown match, the fine form of Guterres and Albert Rodrigues proving the deciding factor.

The deadly form of Charlie Strange and Burling, who overshadowed their opposite numbers, was responsible for Strange's rink beating E. Bastol Dorlos Alves was the pick of the Recrelo four. Rakusen, the Colony champion, struck a bad patch against J. J. Basto and was beaten by 12. The Recrelo rink all through were the better players.

### THIRD DIVISION

## BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY L. DE ROME

By "Lead"

KOWLOON FOOTBALLERS DID PRETTY WELL TO BEAT THE USEFUL K.B.G.C. TEAM.

Evans beat Ted Thompson by nine shots but it was a close struggle all through, the fine form of Fuller having much to do with the Football Club's success.

I am told that Fuller, on two occasions, played lovely shots to save with the opposition lying five!

"Edgar" Wallis had an even tussle with Basil Thompson and honours were just about shared, but Langley and Dinnen were right off and rarely beat Charles Wong and Fuller. Ted Thompson played a useful game, on one occasion saving a six with a spectacular shot, but he had little on Ben Evans, who was also on form. There was a high standard in the Nish-Ogden match, both sides playing well and only the slight superiority of Ogden over Nish turned the scales.

There was nothing in the encounter between Hamilton and Smalley up to the tea-interval, when the scores were 9-11, but later on Hamilton's rink got their noses in front and when the skips went down to bowl, they usually had the shot. Hamilton did not go in for spectacular shots at this stage but concentrated on holding what he had. His blockers rather had the effect of putting Doc Smalley off and the latter's game fell away. The Bowling Green men were never far away and Frost and Abbas were the pick of the Footballers.

### De Rome Brilliant

Strengthened by Soutar and Nolan from the senior team Police proved far too strong for Hong Kong Electric and only the brilliant bowling of De Rome and his men prevented a clean sweep.

Johnson played well as No. 3 to Channing and generally had the better of Barron and when the skips went down to bowl, De Rome more often than not had the shot against him. He was in brilliant form, however, and time on end saved with perfect drawing.

Channing also played well for Police and on the whole had an interesting afternoon against De Rome though he lost by 11 shots.

The other two matches were walk-overs for Police.

### Game Fight

The Recrelo novices put up a game fight against Hong Kong Football Club and were beaten by 4 points to 1.

Yvanovich was unfortunate not to register his first win this season as at the last head he was leading by one shot, only for Morgan to score a five.

Morgan and Yvanovich were evenly matched but the man of the rink was S. Strange, who played an exceptionally brilliant game for Club at No. 3.

He spoiled a lot and gave his skip invaluable assistance.

Morgan's five at the last head was well deserved. He was lying two early on and when he went down to bowl, Club were lying four, to which he added another. Yvanovich in spite of every effort was unable to save.

A fine last spurt enabled Carvalho to reach double figures in his game against Russell and to lose by only 7 shots. Russell was very steady, and here again a No. 3, in Bickford, who showed good understanding with Russell, contributed greatly to Club's win.

Mansell, deputising for Needham, held his own until the 18th head in an even game during which there was seldom much difference in the score. A single and a two on the last two heads gave Alarcon a three-shot win to prevent a clean sweep.

### Another I.R.C. Success

Indian Recreation Club continued their run of success, beating Craigengower Cricket Club at Happy Valley. "Sambo" Rumjahn was beaten by L. Gaddi 23-20 and would have even gone down by a bigger margin but for a 5 and 4 at the last two ends.

Rumjahn had had luck in that none of his front men "were there". Hassan and Rumjahn were completely off form and Abdul-Razack, his No. 3, fell off after a somewhat promising start. Gaddi, on the other hand, bowled extremely well and was well supported by other members of his rink, especially Lee, his No. 1, who was very consistent.

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# UNIT BASEBALL LEAGUE IDEA BRINGS RESPONSE

## Entries For Water-Polo Competitions Close To-Day Draws To Be Made To-Morrow

By "Squaddy"

The much awaited Water-Polo League between Y.M.C.A., Navy, and Army got under way on Tuesday, Middies playing Y.M.C.A., the latter winning, and Royal Corps of Signals, beating the Navy "C" team by 2-0.

Middlesex have lost two of their best players in Sgt. Freshwater and Pte. Berry, who have left the Colony, and Pte. Goodair replacing Berry in goal, gave a good account of himself. Sgt. Freshwater's place was taken by Sgt. Plummer.

Signals, winners of the Large Units competition last season, are training hard again for honours and from what I have seen of them they are still a force to be reckoned with.

Entries for the Large and Small Units competitions close to-day. The draws for these competitions will be made to-morrow by representatives of all teams competing and the Secretary for water-polo, Lieut. H. A. W. Millar, of Royal Scots.

This year the points for water-polo competitions will not count towards the points for the aggregate swimming cup, as in previous years, and this should enable teams to have an equal chance at the swimming meeting. Last season, Combined Small Units and Royal Corps of Signals, were in the finals of both the Large and Small Units water-polo events, and success in both gave Combined Small Units the points they needed for the aggregate swimming cup.

This was a grand effort on their part and shows the fine spirit among their group, but when teams like the company teams of the Royal Scots or the Middlesex, who had to play the Signals last season, were representing both their Unit and the Combined Small Units, it did not give them

much chance in the Small Units League as the Signals were playing the same team for both events.

Although the Signals do not come up to anywhere near the strength of Royal Scots or Middlesex as Large Units, they are stronger as a team and have the advantage of playing together throughout in both competitions.

### BASEBALL

SINCE my last notes on this sport, I have had several letters on the forming of a Baseball League for Units in the Colony, and it has been suggested that a meeting be called of Units who wish to participate some time next month.

I am sure that anyone interested in this game will be able to get all the information they require if they get in touch with S/Sgt. Welford, of Royal Engineers, Wellington Barracks.

Construction of the stand at Chatham Road will shortly be started and it was decided at the annual meeting of the Baseball League, held on Tuesday, that all League matches will be played there.

### TENNIS

OWING to the rain during the last week the Area Tennis League, which was due to start last Tuesday, will now commence next Tuesday, if fine.

Some very interesting matches

### GRAPHIC GOLF



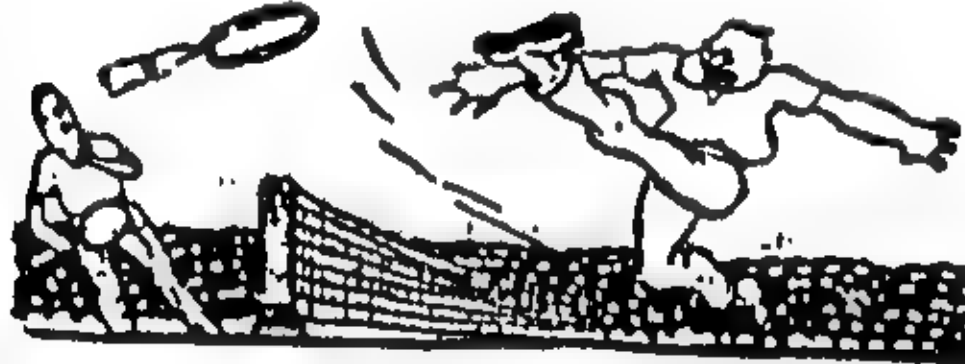
SWINGS PUTTER HEAD IN PENDULUM FASHION SHIFTED FROM JABBING TO STROKING BALL

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### WOOD'S PUTTING By Best Ball

Craig Wood, Masters' Open Champion, has been knocking at the door for some little time. He has had a number of championships in the bag, and about ready to take home when things would go his way. Once before in this event, he apparently had the championship won when Gene Sarazen blasted a 225 yard shot directly into the cup.

A couple of years ago Wood was far from a top notch putter. Since then he has changed his style from a crouching stance to a more upright one; from jabbings the putter head at the ball to swinging it. The taller stance allows smoother stroking and in Wood's case, facilitates the pendulum type of stroke he employs. This change apparently was just the tonic Wood needed, for his putting over the Augusta National course left little to be desired.



are expected in this competition, as the Army teams this season are much stronger than last, having been strengthened by personnel from home.

### ASSOCIATION

#### FOOTBALL

NEXT season the Army may be represented in First Division of the Football League by four clubs, namely Royal Scots, Middlesex Regiment, Royal Engineers, and Combined Royal Artillery.

If the Royal Artillery enter this Division they will have to consider the players in all their Battery teams, and this might result in some of them playing for the First Division team for a few matches and then being dropped, and not being allowed to play for their Batteries.

#### INTER-CLUB BILLIARDS

A Billiards and Snooker match will take place on Monday next, at 7 p.m., when the Water Police Station will entertain Club de Recreio, at Tsimshatsui. A. J. Osmond, former Colony Billiards champion, will turn out for the Portuguese club.

## HEAVYWEIGHTS FIGHT AMONG SELVES IN U.S.

AS THOUGH JOE LOUIS wasn't enough, James J. Johnston's heavyweights — Robert Pastor and Abraham Simon—are fighting among themselves, writes a correspondent from New York.

Abe Simon charges Bob Pastor with a speech unbecoming a member in good standing of The Bum-of-the-Month Club, let alone a stablemate.

Pastor said it was just a build-up for the Billy Conn battle in June when Larruper Louis permitted Man Mountain Simon to landslide into the 13th round in Detroit.

"If that was a build-up," says Simon, "why did Louis keep knocking me down? If that was a build-up, I'd hate to tackle the wrecking crew."

### Pastor Talks

Pastor added that he could lick Simon, but there appears to be some doubt about that in the big bloke's mind.

Simon says Pastor will have to prove it if he enters Stillman's Manhattan Gymnasium when the pickle barrel wrestler starts preparing for a second printing with Louis, which is The Bum-of-the-Month's selection for May at Madison Square Garden. Angry Abe threatens to box Bicycle Bob on the beeper on sight, provided he can catch him.

The civil war is quite all right with Jimmy Johnston, who specialises in supplying Embalmer Louis with standing and running stiffs.

### Best Seller

Early demand gives Publisher Mike Jacobs every assurance that the second installment of The Life of Simon will be a best seller in New York as was the first in Detroit.

Things are so good that Johnston is working both sides of the continent. Pastor is down for a third edition in Hollywood, July 14.

"But if Simon and Pastor fight, they won't collide in a small

gymnasium free, gratis and for nothing, remarks Manager-Match maker Johnston. "That would be against union rules, and the average gymnasium is not large enough to accommodate Simon if he has company."

### Let 'em Fight

Inasmuch as Publisher Jacobs practically has a monopoly on the entire beak-busting business as well as The Bum-of-the-Month Club, Johnston, ordinarily a timid soul, sees nothing wrong with his having a corner on his own heavyweights.

"Let 'em fight while they feel pugnacious," long has been Jimmy Johnston's motto.

"They can't hurt us." Joe Louis will further soften Abe Simon and Bob Pastor for each other after which there won't be much fight left in either.

## THIRD DIVISION

(Continued from Page 13)

Abdul-Wahab finished off 16 shots to the good in his game with George Ladd. In this match young B. el Arcuili was outstanding for very consistent bowling as No. 1 in the Indian rink. It is interesting to note that he is the son of E. el Arcuili, for many seasons a member of the Craighower senior team.

A. O. Madar, bowling wonderfully well, scored 29 against A. J. Coelho's 9. There was, however, nothing outstanding in this game and but for a four and a couple of two's for Madar and a triple for Coelho, the scores all came from singletons.

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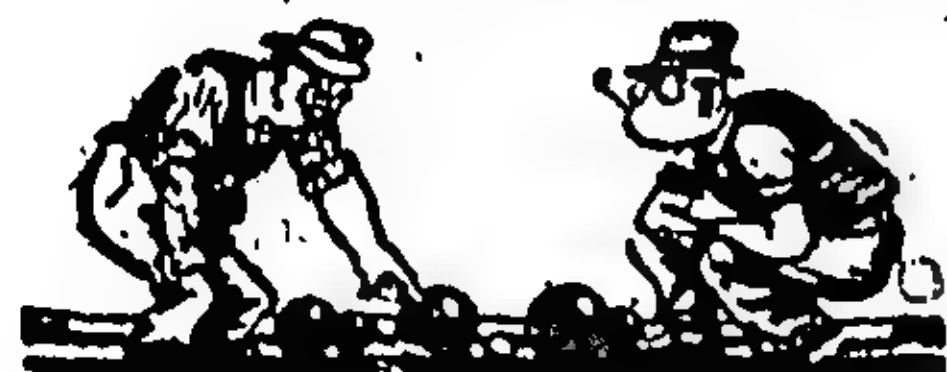
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A. Lapaley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and W. C. Field (Skip)  
N. Naei, A. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Younghusband (Skip)  
A. Dand, C. Downman, T. Ferguson and W. Simpson (Skip)  
Friendly Match (v K.T.C.C.A. Home)  
B. Thomson, W. C. Ogley, C. H. Fuller and H. E. Evans (Skip)  
G. E. Cross, A. MacIntyre, C. Woodcock and R. M. O'Brien (Skip)  
H. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley (Skip)  
Reserves: J. Gibson, W. Seraphim and L. Bones

**H.K.C.C.**  
Second Division (v Prison Officers Club Away)  
J. A. D. Morrison, S. L. Lloyd, L. J. Davies and G. E. Costello (Skip)  
G. G. Atkinson, T. R. Rowell, L. A. R. Duncan and F. Goodwin (Skip)  
H. B. L. Dowbiggin, E. Hosper, B. A. Edwards and R. R. Davies (Skip)  
Third Division (v Police Rec. Club Home)  
H. A. Angus, J. G. Hingh, A. Mc Kellar and A. Nissim (Skip)  
P. Morrison, W. R. Lambert, A. S. Mitchell and E. S. Abraham (Skip)  
D. D. J. Valentine, L. E. N. Ryan, B. J. Lacom and P. S. Cassidy (Skip)

**K.D.R.C.**  
First Division (v K.C.C. Away)  
H. G. Cooper, W. Houston, R. Lapley and F. Cullen (Skip)  
R. H. A. Lapsley, W. McMaster, J. Kempton and T. Coleman (Skip)  
V. Ramsay, J. Revie, M. Ferguson and R. Morrison (Skip)  
**H.K.E.R.C.**  
W. E. Macfarlane, F. L. Groome, J. F. Barron and L. de Rome (Skip)  
A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan and J. K. Sloan (Skip)  
A. F. Paul, W. Stoker, A. G. Gardner and J. F. Lunny (Skip)  
Reserve: W. Stonehouse

**CLUB DE RECREIO**  
Recreio "B" will meet Recrio "A" 1st Division "B" — P. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, E. de Sousa and B. Basto (Skip); C. M. Silva, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip); C. Vas, A. F. Noronha, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Guterres (Skip) 1st Division "A"—Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves and C. G. Silva (Skip); L. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, J. E. Noronha and F. X. Silva (Skip); F. X. Soares, C. A. Lopes, F. V. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (Skip).  
2nd Division (v H.K.F.C., Away):—E. L. Barros, H. M. Xavier, C. M. S. Alves and O. P. Remedios (Skip); A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, Fred A. Xavier and J. R. Soares (Skip); L. A. Rozario, F. J. A. Marques, C. C. Pereira and J. A. Remedios (Skip).  
3rd Division (v C.C.C., Home):—C. F. Rozario, F. Sequeira, M. F. Pina and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip); A. A. Roza, E. Cunha, F. X. Monteiro and M. A. Carvalho (Skip); G. A. Pina, G. Ribeiro, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip).

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## LEAGUE TENNIS RESULTS

Following are the results of games played yesterday in the "D" Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

P. Y. Kwok and K. C. Wong (S.C.) beat S. A. M. Sepher and K.

Singh beat S. Ramchand W. Mehal 6-0  
beat A. H. Mehal and S. Singh 6-0  
K. C. Siet and K. T. Chan (S.C.) lost to Sepher and Singh 3-6  
beat Ramchand and Mehal 6-2  
beat Mehal and Singh 7-5  
C. M. Tsang and S. S. Yau (S.C.) beat Sepher and Singh 6-3  
beat Ramchand and Mehal 6-0  
beat Mehal and Singh 6-2

### Jewish Club Lose

A. R. Polak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.) lost to Tomashevski and D. T. Smith 0-6  
beat N. Whitley and V. C. Bond 6-2  
beat Bull and Gaubert 7-5  
M. Talan and A. Odell (J.R.C.) lost to Tomashevski and Smith 3-6  
lost to Whitley and Bond 4-6  
lost to Bull and Gaubert 3-0

### C.R.C. Beaten

At Causeway Bay, Chinese R.C. lost to Chungking R.C. by six sets to three

T. M. Tsang and C. Y. Tao (C.R.C.) lost to K. M. Au and C. M. Lee 5-7  
lost to Y. H. Leung and G. Lai 3-6  
lost to K. C. Woo and P. C. Yu 4-6  
K. M. Wong and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.) lost to Au and Lee 2-6  
beat Leung and Lai 6-2  
lost to Woo and Yu 3-0



T. Y. Liang and T. L. Lu (C.R.C.) beat Au and Lee 6-1  
beat Leung and Lai 6-4  
lost to Woo and Yu 3-6

### Army Win

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club beat Post Office R.C. "A" eight sets to one  
S/Sgt. Ford and L/Cpl. Stoner (Army) beat D. Fitches and K. W. Wong 6-3  
beat C. I. Chen and Y. S. Fung 6-1  
beat S. S. Chin and S. K. Chan 6-2  
L/Cpl. Glasgow and Spr. Easley (Army) beat D. Fitches and Wong 6-2  
beat Chan and Fung 6-4  
beat Chin and Chan 6-1  
Lt. Trapman and S. Sgt. Mitchell (Army) beat Fitches and Wong 6-2  
beat Chan and Fung 6-3  
lost to Chin and Chan 4-6

### Indians Defeated

At Sookunpoo, Indian R.C. lost to the Filipino Club by seven sets to two  
M. H. Hassan and G. Singh (I.R.C.) lost to B. Poon and P. Poon 2-6  
beat F. Gonzales and Lee 6-2  
lost to T. S. Hsu and L. F. Souza 4-6  
M. S. Hassan and A. S. Sumlad (I.R.C.) lost to Poon and Poon 1-6  
beat Gonzales and Lee 7-5  
lost to Hsu and Souza 2-6  
M. P. Madar and M. I. Razack (I.R.C.) lost to Poon and Poon 2-6  
drew with Gonzales and Lee 6-6  
lost to Hsu and Souza 2-6

## KOWLOON TONG BADMINTON FINALS

The remaining matches of the badminton finals of the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association were played at the clubhouse last night when badminton of a fairly high standard was witnessed. The results were as follows:

### MEN'S SINGLES

Joseph Tsang beat David Kwok, 15-12, 15-9.

### LADIES' SINGLES (HANDICAP)

Mrs N. Castro beat Miss Mabel U. 15-6, 15-6.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

D. Kwok and K. M. Lee beat F. Kwok and Y. H. Tang, 21-14, 21-14.

### EXHIBITION MATCHES: MEN'S DOUBLES

P. A. Yvanovich and A. E. Nononha drew with P. Fletcher and J. Chen, 15-10, 5-15.

### MEN'S SINGLES

R. M. Lavalie beat A. L. Fisher, 15-14.

At the conclusion of the matches last night, Mr H. M. Siu, President of the Association, called upon his wife to present the prizes.

## ARMY REJECTS GREENBERG FOR FALLEN ARCHES

Hank Greenberg, who gets \$50,000 a year for swatting a baseball, is recommended for deferred status by a Florida draft board because of flat feet.

It is found that the hearing of John Dungan Rigney, top pitcher, is impaired by a chronic perforation of the eardrum.

They wouldn't even let Morrie Aronovich volunteer because most of his teeth were knocked out in basketball.

The examination of young Phil Rizzato revealed a diabetic condition.

It used to be that nobody came close to a bull player for rounding up imaginary ailments, but that was in the pre-modern draft board era.

It would seem that if a lot of supposedly robust citizens want a deflated opinion of their health, all they have to do is visit a draft board.

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# TIDES OF WAR MOVING

Mr. Fadden Sounds Warning In Australia

## Echoes Of War In Middle East

"THE TIDES OF WAR are moving swiftly towards our shores as the situation in the Balkans and the Middle East becomes more acute."

This warning was made by Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister of Australia, in Adelaide yesterday.

He said there was no need for alarm but as the situation exists and was likely to exist in the near future it should be faced.

"I do not mean specifically that the situation in the Pacific has become more serious but as part and parcel of the British Empire, we are vitally affected by the position as a whole in the Middle East which must have repercussions in the Pacific."

One ray of sunshine, he continued, was evidence of the determination of the United States to back the British cause to the limit, not only by supply of materials, but the actual delivery of materials.

He urged the Australians to give a little more to Australia and a little less to themselves so as to help meet any eventuality.

### NEW AIR FACTORY AT BANGALORE

More technicians on the mechanical side of the Air Force Training Scheme are required for the new aircraft factory in Bangalore. The factory has asked for several hundreds of men.

— Reuter.

## SKIES POURING HITLER REINFORCEMENT ON CRETE

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Many units participate equally with Infantry in actual fighting.

### Like Confetti

It has become a question of every man for himself, since parachutists started dropping like confetti from the clear skies, sometimes in the middle of the Imperial positions, and every man has been warned he must be prepared suddenly to find a Nazi at his elbow and to deal promptly with him.

It is becoming evident that Hitler is staking his utmost resources and all the ingenuity of his much advertised theories of military invasion from the air in this attempt to capture Crete, which is now one of the Allies' most important military and

### GERMAN FIGHTER DOWNED IN CHANNEL

It was learned in London yesterday, says Reuter, that a German fighter was shot down into the Channel by R.A.F. fighters in the morning.

naval bases in the eastern Mediterranean.

### Hitler's Stake

General opinion is that it will constitute a severe defeat morally and materially for Hitler if he fails in his objective.

One part of the scheme, a simultaneous invasion by sea with the use of small, fast boats filled with troops, has for the moment been thwarted by the Royal Navy, and although the full force of the Luftwaffe's dive-bombers, troop-carriers and fighters is being employed, the R.A.F. and ground defences already have shot down a number of dive-bombers.

In the meantime the Imperial troops, aided by Greeks and hillmen, have turned into guerrillas and up to date have succeeded in keeping the situation well in hand, despite the suddenness and novelty of the attack.

### Casualties High

Enemy casualties have undoubtedly been high, as many Germans were killed even before they were able to get the smell of battle when heavily laden troop-carriers attempted to land on the crowded aerodrome at Maleme, which was already pitted by bombs.

The German attack is directed at the most populated area of Crete, between Heraklion and Cana. These places are connected by a good motor road running between wooded mountains and offering good concealment for parachutists.

### Maleme Concentration

Main body of air-borne troops landed at Maleme, which, at the time, possessed a serviceable aerodrome for troop-carriers and was well suited for launching an attack against the naval base in Suda Bay, the approaches to which from north and east are shielded by high hills.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE ALMOST ABLE TO REACH THEIR OBJECTIVE IN THIS AREA BEFORE BEING SPOTTED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE GROUND DEFENCES, BECAUSE A KNIFE EDGE RANGE OF MOUNTAINS FORMS THE IMMEDIATE BACKGROUND OF SUDA BAY.

The Germans are operating a 24-hour air ferry service between Greece and Crete which the R.A.F. is doing its best to upset by bombing enemy air bases in Greece.

— Reuter.

### CONDEMNATION OF RASCHID ALI

The Nawab of Chhattari, prominent Muslim leader and former Premier of the United Provinces, has added his voice to the condemnation by the Muslims of the action of Raschid Ali, saying: "The Axis, having failed to break through India's first line of defence in Egypt, are now trying to find every means of succeeding in its designs."

— Reuter.

## Crete The Opening Round

On the events in Crete, the "Daily Telegraph" says that Nazi propaganda makes no secret that this is the opening round in a full-dress battle for Suez.

The enemy's prestige and his military time table both alike demand swift, decisive success.

The newspaper comments that the Nazis will meet none of the aid which favoured them in Holland but will meet instead the force of seasoned troops under a commander whose vigilance and tenacity inspire confidence.

THE "DAILY MAIL" COMMENTS THAT THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF CRETE IN OUR

## FRENCH AID TO IRAQI REBEL

There is good reason to believe that surplus French equipment is being supplied to the Iraqi rebels.

Beyond this fact and affirmation that the French authorities in Syria have placed their aerodromes at the Germans' disposal, the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. C. R. Attlee, told the Commons yesterday that the British Government lack exact details as to the full extent of Vichy Government assistance to the Germans in Syria.

— Reuter.

### SCHEME OF IMPERIAL DEFENCE IS OBVIOUS.

Victory here will be much more than a local gain and a success for Britain would inflict a damaging blow on the vaunted invincibility of German arms.

— Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

The body of a well-dressed Chinese woman, aged about 30 years, was found floating some 50 yards from the shore, near Hing Fat Street, Bay View, at 7.30 a.m. to-day.

A police constable on patrol duty near the electric installation saw the body which was later picked up and removed to the Kowloon Mortuary by the Water Police.

The Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, arrived in Auckland by Clipper yesterday from San Francisco, says Reuter. He will confer on war matters with the Acting New Zealand Premier, Mr. Nash, to-day.

— Reuter.

For the second successive night no Nazi raiders were reported over any part of Britain up to early this morning.

Early morning ground mists on the Continent, which rise shortly before dawn, are thought to be the probable reason for the lull in the Luftwaffe's nightly visits.

— Reuter.

### (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Fighting bitter hand-to-hand battles in a score of rugged mountain areas against a foe whose forces are ceaselessly replenished from the skies, British and Anzac troops are holding their own in Crete.

Wild confusion prevailed in many battles as German parachutists, dropping into deadly British fire, confronted the Anzacs in copies of the defenders' uniforms.

Serious losses have been inflicted on the enemy at all points and the struggle is consistently growing in intensity as more reinforcements are rushed to Crete, with German flocks in via parachutes, gliders, troop transport planes and, occasionally, small ships.

Many were picked off while floating to earth and many planes were shot down but still they came to fill up the depleted ranks and came to grips with the British on fronts which sprang up wherever the Nazis appeared.

— International News Service.

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# SKIES POURING HITLER REINFORCEMENTS ON CRETE

## Battle Worthy Of H. G. Wells Fantasy Rages Nightlong

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

THE BATTLE OF CRETE PRESENTS AN AMAZING SIGHT, LIKE A FANTASY BY H. G. WELLS, WITH THE SKY AROUND SUDA BAY FULL OF STRANGE AIRCRAFT, DRUNKENLY SWAYING PARACHUTES, AND ENEMY 'PLANES FILLED WITH TROOPS CRASH-LANDING IN A RESTRICTED AREA.

The wreckage of crashed Nazi aeroplanes is quickly cleared away by hard-worked German ground staffs, making way for a continual flow of air traffic, while other troop-carriers remain on the ground, with engines running only long enough to disembark their troops, before taking off again for Greece to load up with another cargo of troops.

## NAVAL "TASK" FORCES

Unusual legislation, creating an unspecified number of vice-admirals to command special forces which might be assigned to important military missions, was unanimously approved by the U.S. House of Representatives Naval Committee yesterday.

Rear-Admiral C. W. Nimitz, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, gave the committee a carefully guarded explanation of the need for the measure, which nevertheless made clear that the new commands would be assigned only to missions of major importance.

THE NAVY'S UNEXPECTED REQUEST FOR THE LEGISLATION HAS STIRRED UP IMMEDIATE CONJECTURE WHETHER THE PROPOSED "TASK FORCES" AS THEY ARE CALLED, MIGHT BE USED TO PROTECT U.S. SHIPPING SOON TO BE MOVING INTO THE RED SEA, OR FOR SOME EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT OPERATION.

Testifying before the committee, Rear-Admiral Nimitz said: "It is conceivable that ships and planes will be broken up into task forces to carry out special missions."

"Such a task force might consist of a division of battleships, a wing of aircraft, a flotilla of submarines, and a command of

OPERATIONS CONTINUED ALL NIGHT, WITH THE SKY LIT UP BY PARACHUTE FLARES, TRACER SHELLS AND THE NAVY'S SEARCHLIGHTS PICKING UP PARACHUTES FLOATING TO EARTH, MANY OF THEM DEAD BY THE TIME THEY TOUCHED THE GROUND BECAUSE THEY FORM EXCELLENT TARGETS FOR THE BRITISH GROUND FORCES.

Exciting man-hunts among ravines and woods are in progress all over eastern Crete between Nazi parachutists and Cretan bands led by "captains of the hills," chiefly armed with foot-long knives and pistols.

When Italy invaded Greece, Cretan hillwomen of Lassithi Plain, where Zeus is reputed to have been born in a deep cave, and descended from the ancient Minoans, petitioned the King of the Hellenes to be allowed to form a women's regiment to fight for Greece.

### Women Stalkers

Their desire has now been granted and armed stalwart Cretan women, famed for their beauty, now mount guard over their homes and stalk Nazi parachutists.

In the confusion of one of the hardest fought battles of the war it is impossible to estimate casualties to date, say military circles in Cairo.

Such things as lines of communication and supply, and rear or forward positions, do not, for the most part, exist.

Staff headquarters themselves are in the front line and auxiliary units participate equally with infantry in actual fighting.

### Like Confetti

It has become a question of every man for himself, since parachutists started dropping like confetti.

He said he could not disclose to the committee how such a situation might be handled.

## FIGHTER 'PLANES RETIRE From Crete

The British commanders in Crete have decided to withdraw British fighter aircraft from Crete, in view of the poor-ness and small number of aerodromes there.

This was revealed by a British Air Ministry official during an interview in London yesterday.

It was impossible, he said, to develop satisfactory fighter defence from a few comparatively ill-equipped aerodromes if these are subjected to high-scale enemy air attack.

Offensive air operations by British bombers based in Egypt are, however, being carried out against aerodromes from which the enemy are making these attacks.—Reuter.

### GERMAN TACTICS

It is understood in Cairo that the German tactics in attempting to land on Crete from the sea consisted of sending fairly small vessels containing landing parties, unescorted by naval forces, across the comparatively narrow strip of sea between Crete and southern Greece, says Reuter.

## Situation In Crete Well In Hand

It was learned in Cairo last night that the British troops, aided by Greek and Cretan hillsmen, have succeeded in keeping the situation in Crete well in hand, says a Reuter despatch.

## TANK CAPTURED BY N.C.O.

A British N.C.O. captured an Italian medium tank single-handedly by jumping on board the tank, opening the turret cover and killing the crew with a revolver, during operations in Abyssinia.

This story was related in an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday covering the fighting west of Sciamanna.

The N.C.O.'s feat was accomplished during an Italian counter-attack which was repulsed.—Reuter.

## R.A.F. HITS HARD AT SOURCE

A heavy and successful attack was made by the R.A.F. on German-occupied aerodromes in Greece during the night of Tuesday/Wednesday, says yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

At Eleusis, bombs were seen to burst among aircraft on the ground and a fire was started.

At Menidi the results were not observed.

At Malaio, several large explosions were observed, while at Topolia two fires were started.

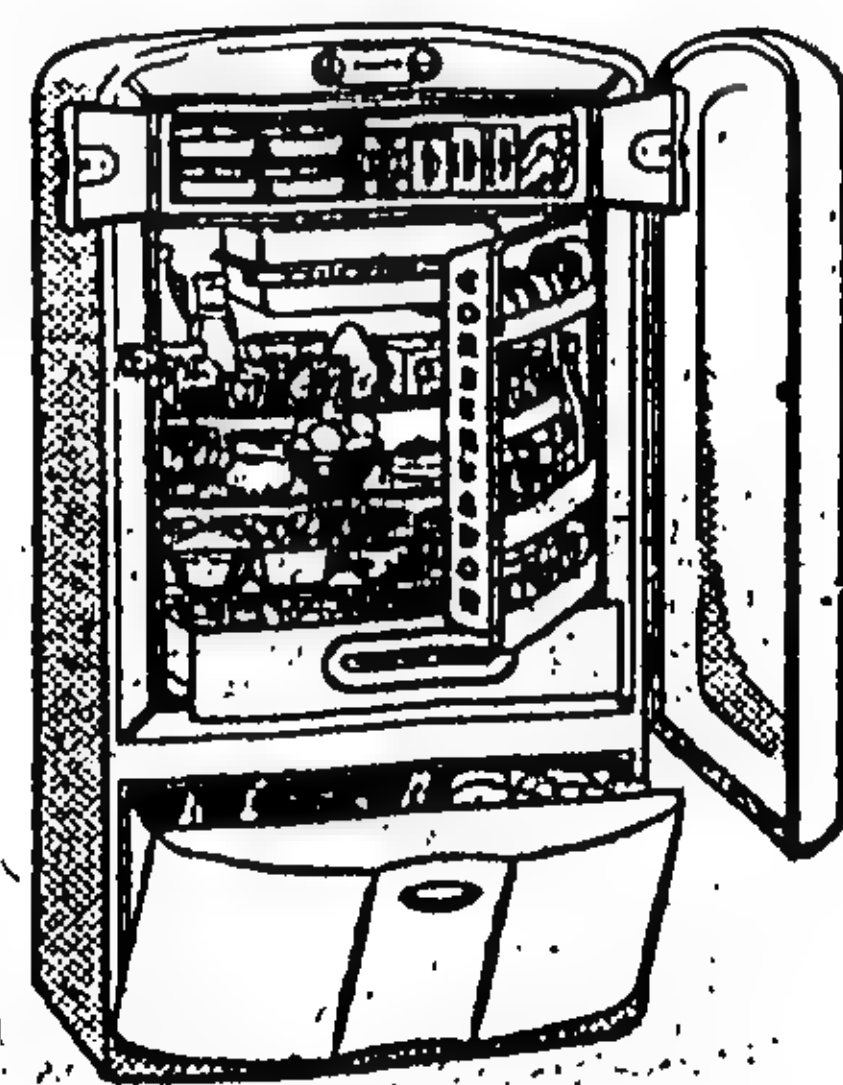
In Libya, R.A.F. fighters and South African planes successfully attacked motor transport convoys in the Capuzzo area. Many lorries were destroyed and others damaged.

Other aircraft bombed a camp and gun positions in the same area.

During the previous night targets near Barge were bombed.

In Abyssinia, Free French aircraft bombed and gunned enemy troops on the road near Chelga.—Reuter.

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# THE NAVY INTERCEPTS CONVOY

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### GERMAN PROMISES And Performance

The Turkish Deputy, M. Yalcin, fired another broadcast at Germany yesterday.

He recalls that Germany promised Rumania friendship but gave away Bessarabia and Transylvania, while all the resources of Rumania are in German hands. He recalls also that while still friendly to Greece, the German promised Salonika to the Yugoslav.

He mentions German assurances to other small countries and says that in the last war, when Turkey was Germany's ally, Germany offered the Straits and Istanbul to Russia in return for a separate peace.

"Therefore a promise of friendship does not prevent the German from dividing up a country with whom they have sworn friendship."

His series of articles continue to attract widespread attention. — Reuter.

### WAR TECHNICIANS

A scheme for the utilisation of institutions and factories in the United Provinces for training war technicians has been drawn up by the Indian National Labour Service Tribunal. — Reuter.

## MR. CHURCHILL'S REVIEW OF BATTLE FOR CRETE

JUST BEFORE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ADJOURNED LAST EVENING THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, GAVE "A VERY PROVISIONAL ACCOUNT" OF THE BATTLE OF CRETE, IN WHICH HE TOLD THE HOUSE THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES WITH INTENSITY AND THAT ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION IS IN HAND THE GERMANS HAVE GAINED SOME LOCAL SUCCESSES AT HEAVY COST.

"The Germans are using large numbers of air-borne and parachutist troops, and these are being increased daily," Mr. Churchill declared.

"The position at Heraklion is that our troops still hold the aerodrome although the Germans are now in what is called occupation of the town, which probably means they are ensconced in certain buildings in the town.

"In the Retimo district there is no report of particular fighting though an attempt by the enemy to attack the aerodrome early on Wednesday morning was successfully held.

"In the Canea-Suda Bay sector heavy enemy attacks in the early morning of Wednesday were followed during the day by further parachute landings south-west of Canea, which were heavily en-

gaged by artillery and machine-guns.

"At Ma'ema aerodrome, it appears the enemy are now in occupation of the aerodrome and of the area to the west of Kercira, but the aerodrome is still under fire.

"IN THIS SECTOR THE COASTAL LINE STILL REMAINS IN OUR HANDS. FIGHTING CONTINUES, DEEPENING IN INTENSITY, AND WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME.

### Convoys Intercepted

"On Wednesday night the enemy began to try sea-borne landings but a convoy making for Crete was intercepted by our naval forces and two transports and caiques (Greek boats), which probably contained troops intended for landing operations, were sunk.

"An enemy destroyer escorting the convoy was also sunk. THE CONVOY TURNED A W A Y TOWARDS THE ISLANDS OF THE ARCHIPELAGO AND WAS BEING ATTACKED BY OUR DESTROYERS AND LIGHT FORCES.

"I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT HAS HAPPENED EXCEPT THAT THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF FIGHTING DURING THE DAY. ENEMY AIRCRAFT ATTACKING OUR SHIPS AND WE ATTACKING THE CONVOY.

### One Result?

"I have no definite information about the results but I feel they can hardly be other than satisfactory in view of the naval forces at our disposal in the Mediterranean generally."

At this point a member interposed suggesting that Mr. Churchill convey to the forces on Crete a message expressing appreciation, admiration and confidence in them.

Mr. Churchill replied: "I certainly will."

### Strange Battle

The Prime Minister then continued: "It is a strange and grim battle which is being fought, one in which our side has no air support because they have no aerodromes — not because they have no aeroplanes — while the other side has very little or no artillery or tanks, and neither side has any means of retreat.

"It is a desperate and grim battle and I certainly will send wishes and encouragement to the men who are fighting what is undoubtedly a most important battle, which will affect the whole course of the campaign in the Mediterranean."

A member asked: "When the Prime Minister suggests the enemy have no tanks, is it to be implied that we have?"

MR. CHURCHILL: "I CERTAINLY DID NOT THINK OF FOLLOWING THE MATTER INTO THOSE CHANNELS." — REUTER.

### SUSSEX VILLAGE BOMBED

A few single aircraft flew over Britain yesterday, and one of them dropped bombs in a Sussex village which damaged several houses and caused a small number of casualties.

Bombs dropped elsewhere did little damage and no casualties are reported. — Reuter.

### EVACUATION OF SYRIA

While Egyptian consuls in Syria have not issued official warnings it is understood that the majority of Egyptian residents in Syria and Lebanon are returning to Egypt, says Reuter from Cairo.

## THROUGH EYES OF A MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE OUTCOME of the battle for Crete is of the greatest importance to both sides. As far as we are able to judge from the news to hand the battle is going in our favour and the first of the German air-borne troops have been heavily punished, most of them being killed and captured.

The Germans, however, are reinforcing this first detachment strongly and rapidly from the air, which they can do owing to the proximity of the Greek mainland to Crete, which enables them to mass a powerful air force and troops against the defence.

The Germans are trying to support these flights of air-borne troops by others crossing the narrow sea in small boats of all kinds, bringing artillery and tanks.

These are likely to appear at night. They can make the crossing in the dark but the Germans must first establish some force close to beaches or harbours in order to cover their disembarkation.

By the use of air power they hope to drive our navy from the neighbourhood of Crete in order to effect a crossing in boats. They are not likely to succeed in this, however.

### Two Main Attacks

It seems as if the enemy were making two main attacks in this preliminary stage of the battle, one near Candia and the other some 70 miles to the west of Suda Bay and Canea.

In addition many comparatively small parties are probably being dropped all over the country with the object of creating alarm and confusion and attacking communications.

These are not very numerous in Crete, however, and that fact is likely to react more in our favour than that of the Germans, for it can be readily understood that small hostile bodies, isolated in lonely hills, and not able to get together, will be more of a nuisance than a serious menace.

### Defence Problems

Nevertheless the air attack, first to be attempted on this grand scale, presents great difficulties for the defence because it obliges it to disperse its troops over a wide area, which may leave a vital spot insufficiently guarded where fresh hostile troops by sea or air may suddenly appear.

This kind of battle demands a great deal of thought, preparation and cooperation with all its own scattered forces as well as with the sister services on sea and in the air.

It demands a still greater quality, the power of inspiring great energy and resolution in all subordinate leaders who will have to act promptly and independently.

### Military Study

Fortunately, in General Freyburg, V.C., we possess a leader of this type, and also the troops under him, both Greek and British, have given proof on other fields of these qualities.

As a military study this Cretan battle will be followed with tremendous interest. — Reuter.

### ITALIANS AID SINGAPORE DEFENCE

War material captured from the Italians in the African campaigns now augment the defence of Singapore.


Pictures distributed by the local Ministry of Information show the Chinese Military Mission which recently toured Malaya inspecting a row of Italian anti-tank guns among other armament. — Reuter.

Owing to the temporary indisposition of His Excellency the Governor, the "At Home" intended to be given by the Indian Association to-day at the Gloucester Hotel, is postponed to some future date which will be announced later.

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# Admiral Darlan Carries Vichy Across The Rubicon

## Policy Based On Fear Of A British Victory!

### GERMAN BLUFF IN FRANCE

A fresh angle on life in occupied France is given by a traveller who has just returned to Lisbon from Bordeaux.

He says the Italians and Germans apparently have little love for one another. Soldiers of the two countries never fraternise.

One never sees German and Italian officers together. If they happen to be in the same cafe a German avoids meeting the glance of an Italian so as to avoid the necessity of saluting.

The traveller was amused by the immense amount of bluff in which the Germans indulged to impress the local populace.

Frequently large convoys would roll from a town. It was said they were "going north," suggesting an invasion of Britain was imminent, but careful observers noted every time the same wagons and the old stage truck was being played.

AT THE SAME TIME 80 TO 100 MOTOR-CYCLISTS WOULD DASH OUT IN THE SAME DIRECTION AT FULL SPEED BUT SHORTLY AFTERWARDS THEY WOULD ALL RETURN.—REUTER.

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

WHEN ADMIRAL DARLAN WENT TO BERCHTESGADEN THE FRENCH CABINET CROSSED THE RUBICON. DARLAN'S POLICY IS BASED ON FEAR OF A BRITISH VICTORY AND A DESIRE TO PREVENT IT. IF POSSIBLE, AND THIS IS A FACT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MUST NOW RECKON WITH.

In the circumstances it must be expected that the British Government will not stand by idly. It has already bombed Syrian aerodromes, thereby giving effect to the principle that it must be free to pursue the German enemy wherever he is found.

If the distinction between unoccupied and occupied France is to be mere fiction — as the first meeting of the French Cabinet in Paris, for instance, suggests — then no doubt the British Government will have seriously to consider extending this principle to all territories in Europe and Africa nominally under the control of the Vichy Government.

The British Government cannot be expected to be duped by fine phrases or juridical hair-splitting such as that indulged in by the Vichy Ambassador in Washington, Henri Haye, who claimed the French were forced to let the Germans use Syrian air bases under Article 18 of the Armistice terms.

#### "Times" Comment

The extent of French complicity in the German military operations is now attested by abundant evidence, comments the London "Times."

The newspaper adds that there does not appear to be any demand, however humiliating, which the Vichy Government in its present move can or will refuse. In everything but name Vichy has joined the Axis.

Referring to Iraq and the Arab world generally, "The Times" states that here as elsewhere Britain stands as the sole barrier to Hitler's naked imperialism and as an ally all those who prize their independence.

THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" DECLARES IT IS TRAGIC THAT THE FRENCH PEOPLE AND THE FRENCH EMPIRE SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INSATIABLE ENEMY THEY DETEST.—REUTER.

### Meaning Of Nazi Order

Foreign diplomatic representatives in Paris have been requested to proceed to the seat of the French Government at Vichy, according to the German official news agency citing a Wilhelms-trasse source.

The agency adds that Berlin political circles consider Germany has taken this step because she holds that Vichy and not Paris is the governmental centre of France.

It is stated that about 34 foreign missions are concerned but consulates are not affected.—REUTER.

#### ELECTRIC WHISKERS IN INDIA

General Berganzoli, the Italian commander who was captured in the Libyan campaign and is known by the nickname of "Electric Beard," is among the latest batch of Italian war prisoners to arrive in Bombay.

They number 1,900 and include 1,100 officers, says Reuter.

### NO DESIGN ON MARTINIQUE

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday gave an implied assurance that Martinique has no reason to fear any imminent United States action against it.

Mr. Hull described as German or pro-German inspired reports published in German-occupied France that Martinique officials had received orders to prepare for an attack by the United States.

Speaking at his press conference, Mr. Hull asserted that the situation in Martinique itself is unchanged despite increasing evidence of Franco-German collaboration in Europe.

He understood the recent "routine exercises" by the French aircraft-carrier "Bearn" and the cruiser "Emile Bertin" have not caused anxious concern in Washington that they might be preparing to dash to Europe.—REUTER.

### HARBOUR MYSTERY

The body of a well-dressed Chinese woman, aged about 30 years, was found floating some 50 yards from the shore, near Hing Fat Street, Bay View, at 7.30 a.m. to-day.

A police constable on patrol duty near the electric installation saw the body which was later picked up and removed to the Kowloon Mortuary by the Water Police.

#### RAID ON CHENG TU

Sixty-eight Japanese planes raided Szechwan in four groups yesterday.

Two groups flew to Chengtu and opened machine-gun fire. A third group dropped bombs in the Chengtu suburbs, while a fourth group attacked Wanhshien.—Central News.

## FRENCH ALLOWING E-BOATS TO PASS ALONG RHONE

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

FURTHER EVIDENCE has come to hand of the support which the Vichy authorities have been giving Germany. So far as military help is concerned the most recent example has been permission for the use of the lower passages of the River Rhone to pass out

German E-boats into the Mediterranean.

Regarding help to Germany by French industry, it is known this help has been on a very considerable scale and in some respects even more efficient than when industry worked for France.

Evidence has been received that they have been repairing German ships and submarines.

The French motor car industry, which is used to turn out aeroplanes, engines and ammunition, has since April 5 been collaborating in a formal agreement with the enemy.

The Renault, Citroen and Peugeot motor companies are involved in the agreement, which, it is believed, merely regularised what had already been taking place, for at least two of these firms had been producing aircraft components, motor-boats, tank parts and ammunition for Germany. It is recalled that the secretary

of the French National Economic Association, at the opening of the Paris Fair, stated that one quarter of French mechanical and electrical industries are working for Germany.

#### War Supplies

In addition to this help it is known that a considerable part of all cargoes that go into Marseilles reach the Germans.

It has become known that the French handed over to the Germans 10,000 tons of aluminium, 8,000 tons of magnesium, 38,000 tons of bauxite, 30,000 tons of wool and 60,000 tons of fruit.—Reuter.

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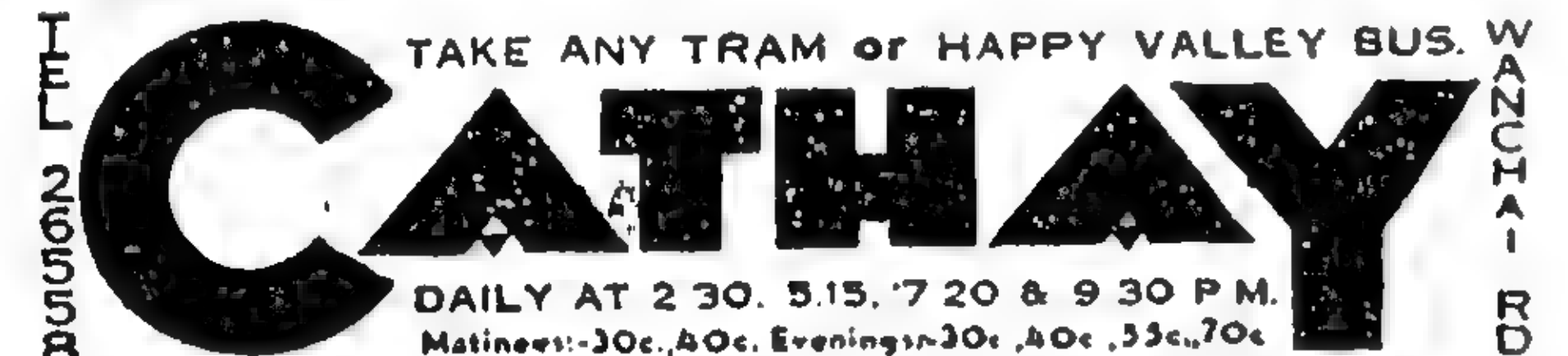
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# ITALIAN COLLAPSE: THOUSANDS MORE PRISONERS TAKEN

TWO ENEMY DIVISIONS ARE TRAPPED  
BETWEEN THE BRITISH EMPIRE FORCES IN  
ABYSSINIA AND SEVERAL THOUSAND  
ENEMY PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN,  
ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S G.H.Q. COM-  
MUNIQUE IN CAIRO.

In the Gondar area units of the Sudan  
Defence Force are closely engaged with the  
enemy in the vicinity of Chelga.

So far over 300 Italian prison-  
ers have been captured in the  
Battle of the Lakes. Operations  
are proceeding satisfactorily  
against two enemy divisions which  
have now been trapped between  
our forces advancing from the  
north and from the south.

West of Sciasciannana our  
troops successfully attacked the  
main enemy positions. An  
Italian counter-attack with  
tanks was repulsed and con-  
siderable damage was inflicted  
by our artillery on the retreat-  
ing enemy.

In this action the enemy left  
over 100 dead on the field of  
battle and our captures include  
600 prisoners, 10 gun and five  
medium tanks. Our casualties  
were slight.

## Over 4,000 Prisoners

Further to the south our ad-  
vance guards overwhelmed a  
complete rear-guard, consisting  
of brigade headquarters and three  
colonial battalions.

Captures in this area so far  
amount to over 4,400 prisoners,  
of whom a large proportion are  
Italians, together with 32 guns  
and 14 tanks.

In Libya, there is nothing to  
report at Tobruk.

## Sollum Action

In the Sollum area, during the  
night of May 20/21, advanced  
elements of our mechanised troops  
destroyed an enemy post on Sol-  
lum Hill, knocking out three  
German tanks.

Our patrols in this area are  
continuing their vigorous aggres-  
sive activities.

In Iraq, operations in the  
neighbourhood of Fallujah are  
progressing.

In the Basra area the situation  
remains calm.—Reuter.

# FALANGE GAINS NEW STRENGTH

An important order  
signed by General Franco  
was published in yester-  
day's official Bulletin de-  
fining the powers of the  
President of the Political  
Board of Falange Party,  
namely, Senor Serrano  
Suner.

The order virtually gives him,  
as General Franco's representa-  
tive and second-in-command,  
powers over the party and party  
appointments.

Principal object, says the  
preamble, is "to strengthen the  
party's unity, firmness and effi-  
ciency thus constituting an unbreak-  
able political front and a power-  
ful arm against all obstacles and  
resistances, which may try to  
oppose the National Syndicalist  
revolution."

FINAL RESULT OF THE RE-  
CENT CHOPPING AND CHANG-  
ING, THEREFORE, APPEARS  
TO BE THAT THE FALANGE  
PARTY'S POSITION IN THE  
COUNTRY IS MORE IMPORT-  
ANT THAN EVER.—REUTER.

# CANADA'S GENEROUS PLEDGE

The House of Com-  
mons yesterday cheered  
an announcement by the  
Chancellor of the Exche-  
quer, Sir Kingsley Wood,  
that Canada has pledged  
herself to finance the  
bulk of British pur-  
chases in Canada, esti-  
mated at £200,000,000 to  
£300,000,000.

Sir Kingsley explained that this  
was a very large sum in relation  
to Canada's resources, seeing that  
Canada's total budget revenues  
last year were under £200 mil-  
lions.

The Chancellor also paid a  
tribute to help from the other  
Dominions and Colonies.

Australia and New Zealand  
have to meet heavy expenditure  
outside their own countries and  
are applying an increasing  
amount of their sterling resources  
towards current external war  
costs.

Those countries, like Canada,  
had increased taxation. They  
also had import restrictions and  
rationing schemes.

The Chancellor also mentioned  
the importance of South Africa  
as the world's chief gold producer  
and India as a source of multi-  
tude of supplies.—Reuter.

# TROUBLE IN FEEDING PARIS

Certain difficulties of  
provisioning Paris have  
arisen according to a  
Vichy announcement  
quoted on Ankara radio.

The announcement says that  
this week people have been un-  
able to receive the meat ration.  
Butter and eggs were also not to  
be found.

Last week only 1,500 people  
were given rabbit meat, 200 people  
got chicken and 3,000 people got  
goat meat.

In order to meet the require-  
ments of Parisians the seizure of  
livestock in villages has been de-  
cided upon.—Reuter.

# BRITAIN'S "EXPORT" DEPARTMENT

"From all we hear  
over Kiel, Hamburg  
and Berlin our export  
department is doing  
extremely well," de-  
clared Mr. Vincent  
Massey, High Com-  
missioner for Canada,  
speaking in connec-  
tion with London's  
War Weapons Week.  
When the banks  
closed yesterday the  
total amount raised  
was £87,750,000.—  
Reuter.

# ATTEMPTED PUTSCH IN CHILE

Judicial proceedings  
consequent on the Nazi  
putsch which was nipped  
in the bud by the Chilean  
police continued in San-  
tiago yesterday.

The judge in charge of the in-  
vestigation interrogated 20 Nazis  
and, after the enquiry, ordered  
the arrest of three party leaders  
on charges of "an attempt against  
the security of the State."

As a result of statements by the  
detained men a fresh search was  
carried out of headquarters of the  
Nazi Party by the police, who dis-  
covered many documents and pro-  
paganda connected with the abort-  
ive putsch.—Reuter.

# LULL IN AIR RAIDS CONTINUES

For the second successive night  
no Nazi raiders were reported over  
any part of Britain up to early  
this morning.

Early morning ground mists on  
the Continent, which rise shortly  
before dawn, are thought to be  
the probable reason for the lull  
in the Luftwaffe's nightly visits.—  
Reuter.

# MR. MENZIES NOW IN NEW ZEALAND

The Australian Premier, Mr. R.  
G. Menzies, arrived in Auckland  
by Clipper yesterday from San  
Francisco, says Reuter. He will  
confer on war matters with the  
Acting New Zealand Premier, Mr.  
Nash, to-day.—Reuter.



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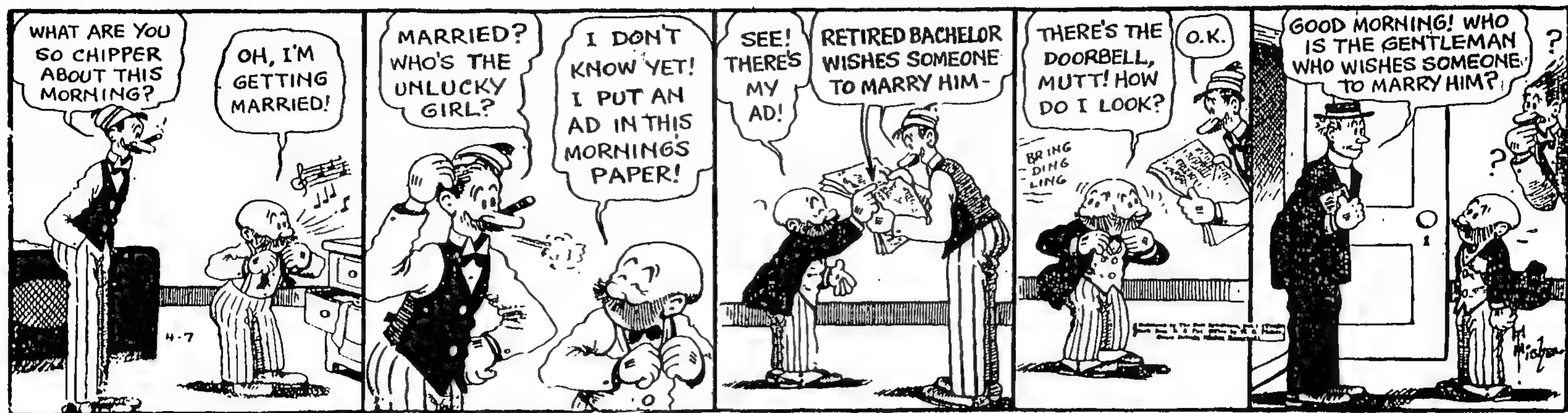
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## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



## CREWS OF SCUTTLED SHIPS EXPELLED

Officers and crews of the scuttled Axis vessels "Fella" and "Eisenach" were expelled yesterday morning to Panama by the Costa Rican vessel "Stella Maris" for the purpose of transfer homeward by Japanese steamer via the Far East. Reuter.

## AMERICA'S HUGE STEEL OUTPUT CAPACITY

THE UNITED STATES steel industry can "match ton for ton all the steel capacity of Germany and its stolen lands," in the opinion of Mr. Walter Tower, President of the American Iron and Steel Institute, in a speech at the Institution's annual meeting in New York yesterday.

While doing this, he said, the industry could still give civilians as much as their average consumption over the last 10 years.

There was no question, he said, of there being not enough steel for all defence needs. The output of steel for the year ending next week would probably exceed 76 million tons, which is over 25 millions above the 1938 level.

Mr. Tower expressed disagreement with "the self-appointed mentors of the steel industry who insist it should be required to assume the staggering task of forced expansion when it is not clear that such expansion is needed or could be obtained in time to be helpful."

## Time And Support

Mr. Irving Olds, chairman of the U.S. Steel Corporation, told

the meeting it was unbelievable that the U.S. given a well prepared programme, the necessary time and proper support from the American people, could not outdo anything of which Germany was capable in the way of production of essential instruments of modern warfare.

He issued a warning, however, that the industry must know what is expected from it as soon as the programme is formulated or modified by the authorities in Washington. Reuter.

## BERLIN AND THE ZAMZAM

THE REPORT THAT THE CREW AND PASSENGERS OF THE SUNKEN EGYPTIAN MEDICAL SHIP "ZAMZAM" WILL BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED FROM FRANCE CANNOT BE CONFIRMED IN BERLIN, DECLARED THE SPOKESMAN OF THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE QUOTED BY THE OFFICIAL NAZI NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The spokesman added that in view of the fact the majority of the persons concerned are without personal papers, particulars of each person must be ascertained.

Missionaries and nurses whose identity is satisfactorily established will be passed without difficulty, the spokesman asserted. Reuter.

## 6,000 JEWS FIGHT WITH BRITISH

More than 80,000 Jewish men and 60,000 Jewish women have volunteered for war service in Palestine, Dr. Nahul Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, declared at Toronto.

He added that 6,000 Jews were fighting with the British Forces in the Middle East, of whom 1,200 were serving with the Royal Air Force. Reuter.

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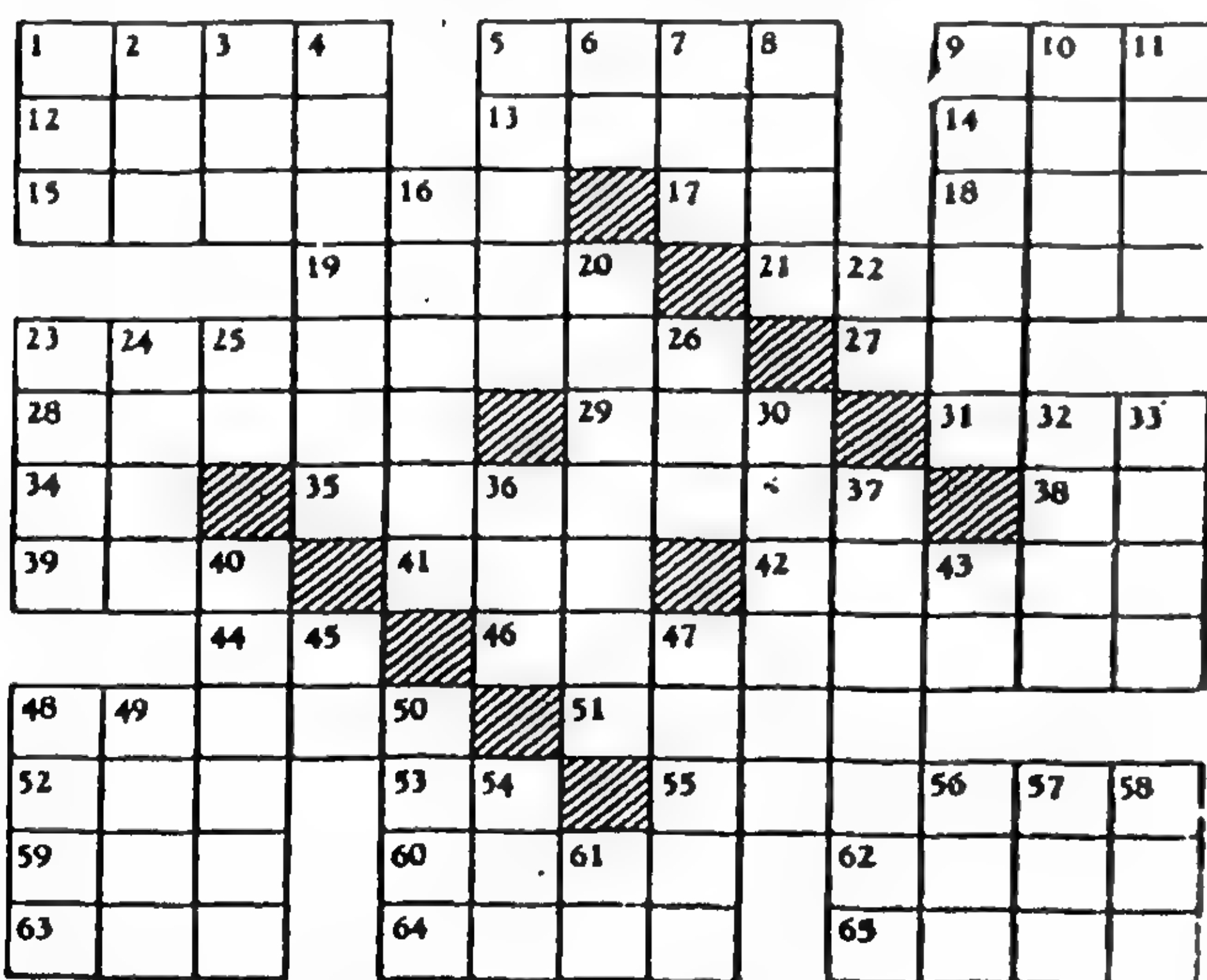
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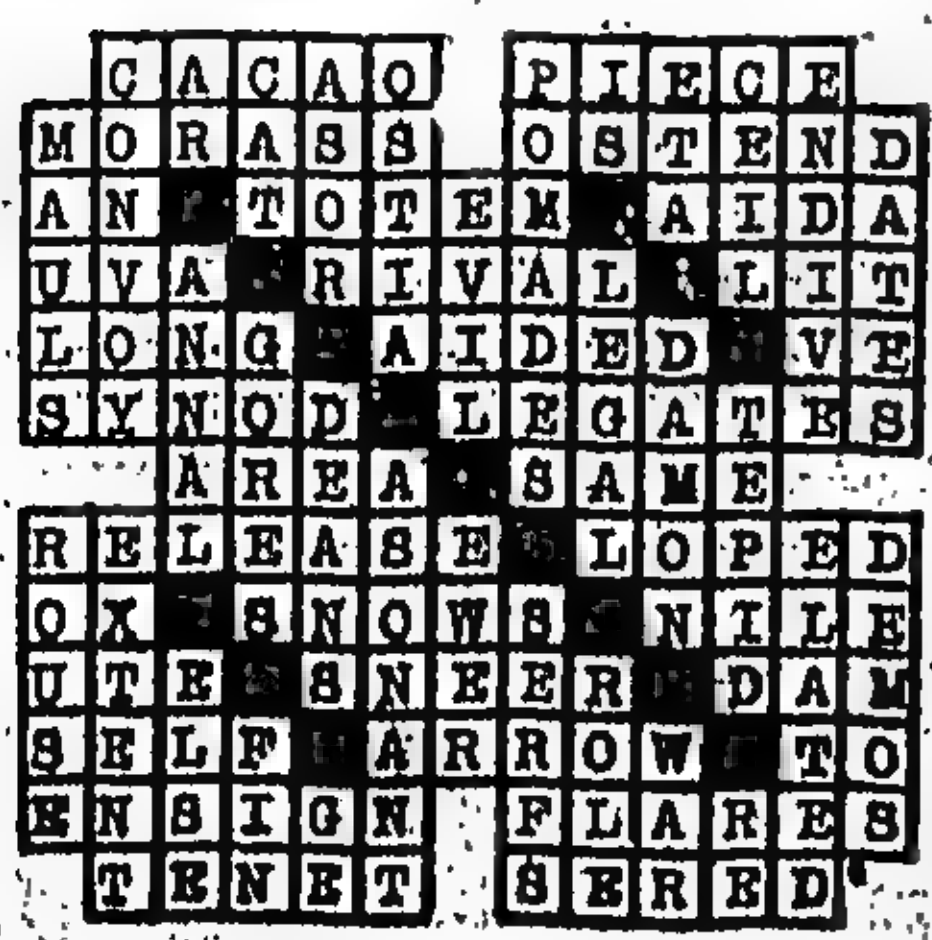
## HORIZONTAL

- 1 Departed
- 5 Respiratory organ
- 9 Forest tree
- 12 Sandarac tree
- 13 Armadillo
- 14 To petition
- 15 Imagined
- 17 Italian river
- 18 Music: three
- 19 Fresh-water porpoise
- 21 Open-woven material
- 23 Fury
- 27 Preposition
- 28 South American mountain range
- 29 Lettuce genus
- 31 To obtain with difficulty
- 34 Pronoun
- 35 Deprives
- 38 Symbol for Iridium
- 39 To bow
- 41 Scoundrel
- 42 Projecting edges of a roof
- 44 Babylonian deity
- 46 Containing denial
- 48 To bring

## VERTICAL

- 1 Compact mass
- 2 To be mistaken
- 3 Scotch for "no"
- 4 Traced
- 5 Ancient language
- 6 Preposition
- 7 To sleep

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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- 9 Clever
- 10 Egyptian seaport
- 11 This place
- 16 Pertaining to memory
- 20 Agreed
- 22 River in Livonia
- 23 Concealed
- 24 Preposition
- 25 Hypothetical force
- 26 Dawn goddess
- 30 Furlongs
- 32 Russian cathedral city
- 33 Gaelic
- 36 Moving-truck
- 37 To content
- 40 To discover
- 43 Six
- 45 Symbol for actinium
- 47 Celtic Highlanders
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- 50 Aspiration
- 54 To knock
- 56 Bitter vetch
- 57 Born
- 58 Poetic: always
- 61 Butterfly

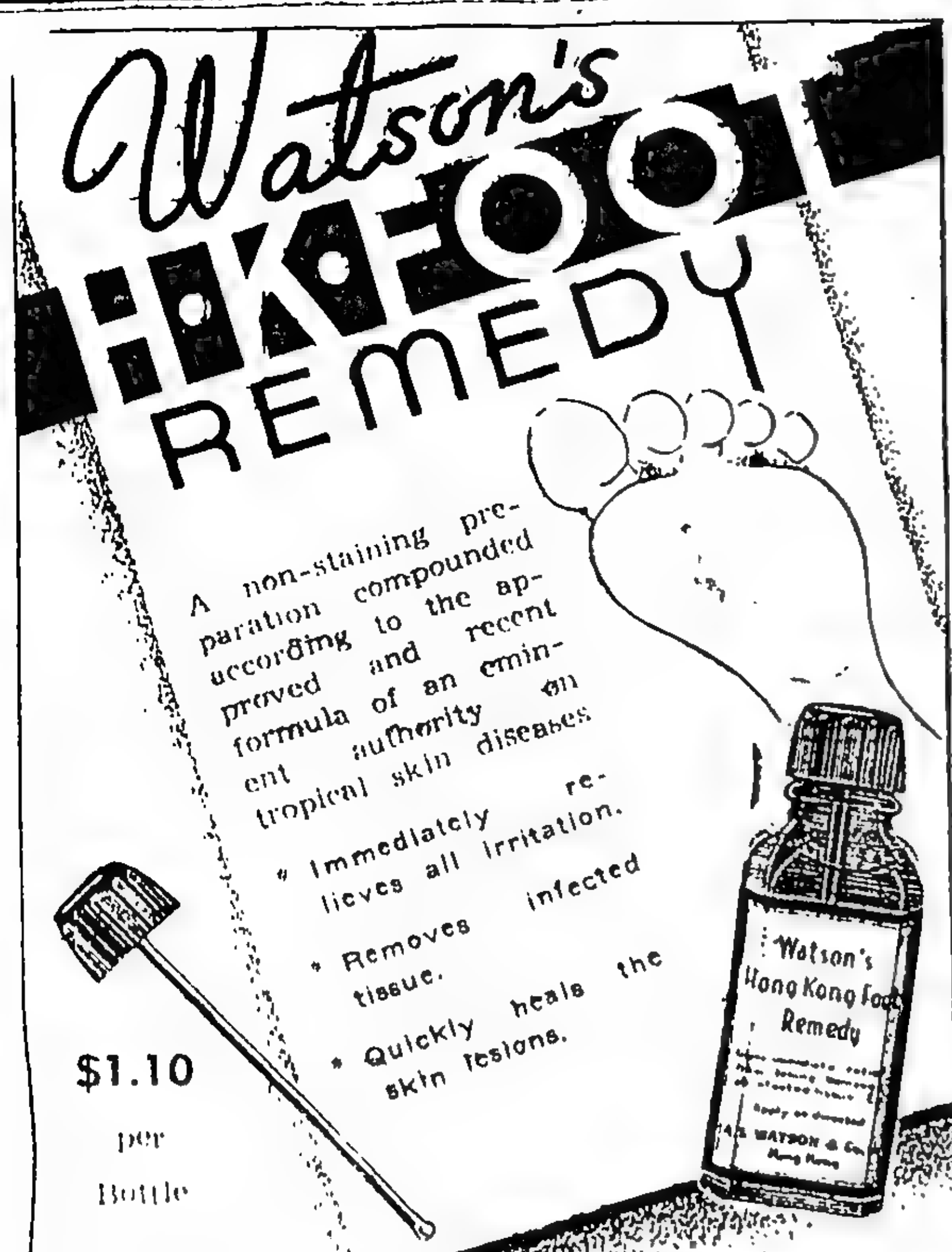


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## DROPPING EVERY FEW MILES

### The Official Account

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It must be borne in mind that this great battle was made up of squadron attacks followed by numbers of personal combats, all taking place more or less at the same time above this wide area. Squadrons, flying in pairs or wings of three units, went into action in formation against an enemy similarly disposed. After the first attack, delivered as often as possible out of the sun, they broke up and individual duels took place all over the sky.

Certain of the more striking incidents may be briefly recorded. There were dive attacks carried out by one squadron of Spitfires which twice passed through an enemy bomber formation, each time delivering beam attacks as they did so. These tactics threw the enemy into extreme confusion. Bombers flew on almost blindly, aircraft dropping in flames or in uncontrolled dives with every few miles of the return journey. From one such aircraft, of which the cowl and cabin top blew off, its crew baled out, all except the rear-gunner, who was seen to be hanging from the lower escape hatch until his aircraft dived into a wood ten miles East of Canterbury.

Then there was a pilot who twice attacked an Me.109 which each time strove to escape in an almost vertical dive. The first of these, from 20,000 ft., was successful for the German pilot straightened out, but only to find that the British pilot had followed him down and was close upon him. "By that time," said the British pilot, "I was going faster than the enemy aircraft and I continued firing until I had to pull away to the right to avoid a collision." His burst of fire had taken effect, for the German never recovered but plunged down until he entered a cloud about 6,000 ft. below, when the British pilot had to recover from the dive as his aircraft was going at approximately 480 miles per hour. "I then made my way through the cloud at a reasonable speed," he reported "and saw the wreckage of the enemy aircraft burning furiously. . . . I sky-climbed through the cloud and narrowly missed colliding with a Ju.88 which was on fire and being attacked by numerous Hurricanes."

There was also the Dornier which crashed just outside Victoria Station. Members of its crew landed by parachute on Kennington Oval, while the Hurricane pilot, who had shot it down and whose aircraft had gone into an uncontrollable spin when the enemy blew up beneath him, landed safely in Chelsea. Nevertheless, the Yellow-nosed Squadrons, the elite of the German Air Force, acquitted themselves bravely and showed greater skill than their less well trained comrades. It was observed that they usually attacked in pairs, disposed in line astern some 75 yds. apart.

Occasionally, fire at long range proved effective. Close range combat was the rule, but it is recorded that a Hurricane pilot fired at enemy aircraft, moving faster than his own and about to get out of range, and hit it at 800 yds. This caused it to slow up and his second burst was fired from 500 yds. Eventually, he finished it off at 25 yds. Another Hurricane pilot who had broken off the fight because the cooling system of the engine of his aircraft was giving trouble and who was therefore returning to the base, encountered a lone Me.109 which he stalked out of the sun and shot down from 500 yds.

At this stage in the fight, it became clear that the enemy bomber pilot felt themselves to be no match for the British. It was generally observed that, as soon as contact was established, they jettisoned their bombs, then broke formation and turned at once for their base. Thus twenty Dornier 215s were encountered above London Docks flying in diamond formation, escorted by Me.109s, "stepped up" to 22,000 ft. The

bombers were broken up by a level quarter attack and this enabled our intercepting squadron to pursue them relentlessly and shoot down most of them.

Occasionally, in this confused and struggling fight, British squadrons found themselves temporarily outnumbering the enemy. Thus, at 12.15 p.m. a mixed force of Hurricanes and Spitfires, amounting to the greater part of five squadrons, was over the South of the Thames, somewhere near Hammersmith. Here they encountered an inferior number of enemy aircraft and did terrible execution.

But it was seldom that we had the advantage in numbers. The enemy, however, seemed unable to profit by his numerical superiority. A single Hurricane, for example, encountered twelve Yellow-nosed Messerschmidts flying straight at it. The pilot dived under them but swooped upwards and shot down the rear aircraft from directly underneath. As he still had plenty of speed, the British pilot half rolled off at the top of his loop and followed the enemy formation which had not apparently perceived the fate of their comrade in the rear rank. The British pilot accordingly destroyed another enemy aircraft from the rear and damaged a second before the Germans became aware of what was happening and he was forced, being still in numerical inferiority of nine to one, to break off action.

The fight was all over by 12.30 p.m. and, by that time the citizens of London and South East England were sitting down to their Sunday dinner, the enemy were in full flight to their bases in Northern France. One of those citizens had special cause to rejoice in the result of the fighting. The Prime Minister had spent the morning in one of the Operations Rooms of No. 11 Group. It was observed that for once his cigar remained unlit as he followed the swift changes of battle depicted on the table map before him.

Some of the enemy had for a brief moment succeeded in penetrating into the centre of the Capital, but they dropped only few bombs. The fire was too hot, the defence too strong. 70 of the estimated 250 aircraft in the attack, equalling 28 per cent, were seen to crash that morning. 10 more were considered probably to have been destroyed and 28 were observed by our pilots to break off action in a damaged condition. These figures, compiled immediately after the fight and in accordance with the very strict rules applied by the Royal Air Force to pilot's reports, probably underestimate the casualties they inflicted. Even so, the Luftwaffe lost slightly over 43 per cent of the aircraft used in this morning attack.

Despite the sound and fury of battle that sunny autumn day, citizens of London had their Sunday dinner in peace. A lull ensued for about 1½ hours. Then, shortly after 2 p.m., fresh enemy forces returned to the attack in about the same strength as had been employed that morning. German aircraft crossed the coast near Dover in two waves, first of 150, second of 100. These formations spread over South East and South West Kent and over Maidstone.

Before they could proceed further, they were intercepted by fighters of the Royal Air Force. 21 squadrons were sent into the air and 21 squadrons made contact with the enemy. This time the numbers on each side were fairly equal and the fighting superiority of the British force was immediately established. Our fighters tore into the enemy's formations, ripping through them like a knife through calico. That was how it sounded from the ground. So determined was the British defence, so effective these tactics, that the German formations were again instantly broken up. This was an opportunity for each pilot to single out an adversary and, in a few moments, the sky was again a

battlefield. In all that space, from the Thames Estuary to Dover, from London to the Coast, dog-fights were soon in furious progress. Squadrons were swiftly scattered, so that two which took off together from their base might, 15 minutes later, be fighting 50 miles apart.

There was nothing haphazard about this interception of the enemy. It was only possible, on such a scale and in so effective a manner, because every detail had been planned and tested in the fighting of the previous months. So, as reports came through of the German approach, we were able to despatch from correct tactical points, enough squadrons to achieve complete interception and best results, without dissipating our forces. The general principle applied in coping with earlier assaults having proved so successful, it was put into effect in this second great attack. Certain squadrons were detailed to deal with the enemy screen of high flying fighters halfway between London and the coast. This enabled others to attack bomber formations and their close escort, before they reached the line of fighter aerodromes, East and South of London. Those of the enemy who succeeded in penetrating these defences—some 70 or so—were tackled by squadrons of Hurricanes, mostly from Nos. 10 and 12 Groups who came into action over the Capital itself. They also pursued stragglers. As in the morning's fighting, some 200 individual combats took place and, although no two were quite alike, the general pattern was the same.

"I engaged the enemy in formation causing them to scatter in all directions," ran the report of one pilot; "we sighted a strong formation of enemy aircraft," wrote another "and carried out a head on attack. The enemy scattered, jettisoned their bombs and turned for home. We encountered heavy cannon fire. . . . The reports are laconic: "The whole of the nose, including the pilot's cockpit, was shot away. . . . "Saw tracer flying past my left wing and saw Me.109 attack me. . . . "I saw his perspex burst and the enemy aircraft spun down. . . . "I did not consider it worthwhile to waste any more ammunition upon it. . . . "I then looked for more trouble and saw a He.111. I attacked and closed to about 10 ft. . . . "I gave him everything I had. . . . "My aircraft became uncontrollable. I baled out, coming down with my left arm paralysed (afterwards I learned it was dislocated).

As in the morning a single British aircraft, in this case a Hurricane, piloted by a Group Captain, encountered a large formation of German aircraft, both fighters and bombers, and went into the attack alone.

"There were," he said on his return, "no other British fighters in sight, so I made a head-on attack on the first section of bombers, opening at 800 yds. and closing to 200 yds." After describing how all alone he broke up the enemy formation, the Group Captain adds: "I made further attacks on the retreating bombers, each attack from climbing beam. . . . one Dornier left formation and lost height. With no ammunition left, I could not finish it off. I last saw the bomber at 3,000 ft. dropping slowly. . . ."

So it appears that each pilot had his own swift decisions to make, his own problems to meet. He was not found wanting. While the fight lasted, the Germans were destroyed at the rate of about two aircraft per minute. At afternoon's attack cost them 6 destroyed. In the entire day, a lost 25 aircraft, but 14 pilots were saved.

Such was a typical day's fighting in a battle which lasted for nearly three months over the south of England.

**TO BE CONTINUED  
TO-MORROW**



# CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

## FRANCE IN THE NOOSE

As soon as German troops crossed the Mediterranean to North Africa, it was all too apparent that the screws of the Nazi pressure machine would soon be tightened on France. Since the dismissal of M. Laval last December there had been a lull in the negotiations for "collaboration" between the victors and the vanquished. The French were left to stew in their misery while the wounds inflicted by the conqueror — the partition of the country, the separation of families, the economic bleeding — had time to fester and reduce resistance. Meantime there has been no lull in the propaganda for French adherence to the New Order, no let-up in the systematic drain on French resources, no pause in the activities of the Gestapo, no lightening of the load of fantastic occupation charges.

For a time, Vichy was made to believe that the Nazi overlords would talk to no one but Laval. But now, as Hitler prepares to strike in the Near East, Admiral Darlan has been recognised as an acceptable negotiator. More, the new Quisling has obtained concessions Laval was never able to produce — a reduction by one-fourth of the occupation costs, a relaxation of the ban on communication between the occupied and unoccupied zones. Conversations continue on wider problems that concern not only the status of France and her internal situation but her attitude in a conflict that once more moves toward French territory as inexorably as it did this time a year ago.

The quid pro quo exacted of the French is not reported, probably because it would not make the nicest reading, possibly because all the sordid details are not yet agreed upon. But Germany does not give something for nothing. Hitler's price is always high, and for "equal partnership" in the new Europe and the new Africa — the phrase now is "Eurafrica" — undoubtedly he has demanded active French co-operation against the British and undoubtedly Admiral Darlan is ready to lick his boots. To gain his end, at last, become urgent, Hitler may have to do without the moral prestige of Petain, committed on the honour of a Marshal of France not to use the army, the fleet, or any part of French ter-



JAPANESE GYMNASTICS

# Behind British Aeroplanes

Spitfire, the British Fighting plane which are the great foe of the Nazi bomber, are being made largely through the efforts of British women workers.

In a factory stretching for miles, thousands of men and women work at row after row of machines of all sorts, shapes, and sizes, turning out and assembling latest huge presses and monster metal stretching devices.

More than a third of these many hundreds of machine tools, mechanical marvels which are the real story behind the story of the aircraft which they make possible, are American.

In fact, the proportion of American equipment including tools and jigs of all sorts, is more than 50 per cent in certain blocs or units of this particular factory and the proportion is constantly increasing as shipments of more machines continue to arrive from the United States.

A surprisingly large number of these machines are operated by women. Although some machines and mechanical devices appear to be no more formidable than a small electric sewing machine, others are towering masses of steel which hiss and roar and thump alarmingly as they simmer out metal parts to be used in the production of 'planes.

ritory to attack his former ally. It goes without saying that the Germans have power to install their own men in Vichy as they have done in Paris. Everything now points to an imminent showdown between a Germany still hesitant to draw the noose to the limit and a France still possessing a few last cards to play. Marshal Petain and General Weygand face a decision as desperate as the choice they made when their armies were routed and the Republic fell.

The view of young girls in flowered print aprons operating such sizzling, thundering metal monsters struck me as the most significant sight in the entire factory, the biggest aircraft factory in the world.

At present about 40 per cent of the workers in this Spitfire factory are women. But within a few weeks or months at most it is expected the proportion of women will be nearer 80 per cent.

American methods of manufacture have made this possible. The British Government have adapted American mass-production methods to this Spitfire production factory.

The result is a factory remarkably well suited to the production of such an intricate weapon as a high-speed fighter aeroplane which must be at the same time delicate of mechanism and an extremely robust article, capable of being turned out in large numbers in a short space of time.

There is a great deal of specialisation so that each worker has her or his particular operation to perform. It might be putting rivets in a frame of a Spitfire wing or it might be a more complex operation such as sewing fabric on wing and tail control flaps.

A great deal of the riveting is done by women. The plant manager says that women often make much better riveters than men. Asked why, he said he didn't know, except that they often seemed to be able to use their hands more quickly and cleverly, and also pointed out that most metal used was a relatively light aluminium alloy and not heavy steel.

The wages paid to these women workers in the Spitfire plant vary considerably. They may start at £3 a week for beginners learning a trade or for those doing the simplest type of work. Earnings of experienced women workers average about £6 weekly and rise as high as £8 or more in a few exceptional cases. Women, like the men, work 11 hours a day. For Sunday work they are paid double time.

The factory is operating on a 24-hour basis, although the night shift isn't quite so long as the day. Wage rates, for men are slightly higher in most cases than those for women, and skilled aircraft workmen may easily earn

up to £15 a week on a piece-work basis.

Despite long working hours the work was obviously excellent among both men and women workers. Seeing that a large number of workers, particularly women, were wearing a pin in the shape of a miniature Spitfire, I questioned one, saying I supposed it was a badge given to workers in the factory. "Oh, no," she replied, "it is just a pin we get for contributing to our factory's Spitfire fund."

Another woman worker whom I questioned admitted she found the work hard and long hours difficult, but said, "The work has got to be done and somebody's got to do it, so why shouldn't we? It is worth it if it helps win; and if we don't win, life wouldn't be worth while, so I guess that's all there is to it."

One significant new development observed in the factory was the fact that the air raid shelters, normally outside, are now to a large extent being moved right inside the factory itself. Many of the most intricate processes and the most important machines now have their own shelter built round them.

Nevertheless, considerable time is lost each week through air raids and air raid warnings, especially during night shifts. One method of beating the bomber that is being used extensively is dispersal. Not only are factories widely scattered but a large number of machines formerly concentrated into this particular factory, have been removed and are now doing the same work elsewhere. The parts they produce are then brought to the factory for assembling into a finished Spitfire. Although the rate of production naturally remains secret, after seeing every stage in the manufacture from the arrival of raw material to the test flight of a completed plane equipped with its cannon, it is possible to state with confidence that Britain's Spitfires are being produced in big enough quantities to give an uncomfortably warm reception to a much larger force of Heinkels or Messerschmitts than has so far attempted a daylight air attack on Britain.

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## JAPAN'S SHANSI DRIVE

# NEW OFFENSIVE JUST THE SAME OLD WAR

JAPAN'S CURRENT OFFENSIVES in the interior of China were described by foreign military observers in Shanghai as a continuance of the same futile tactics which the Japanese have followed during the past 30 months although Nippon military chiefs themselves admit they have been unable to bring decisive results.

Essentially the Japanese attacks are defensive measures, since they are aimed at relieving Chinese pressure on Nippon bases and supply lines. With few exceptions Japan lost the initiative more than two years ago when she reached the limit of her ability to hold additional territory.

Major Kuno Akiyama, spokesman for the Japanese expeditionary forces in China, told the Associated Press "Japan has no intention of penetrating further into the interior. The present offensive constitutes mopping-up operations. The Chinese refuse to take the offensive. Therefore we must strike."

### Slip-Away Tactics

From the Japanese point of view the difficulty is that when the Japanese strike the Chinese usually slip away. When the Japanese return to their bases the Chinese surround them and resume their harassing attacks. Then the Japanese have to do it all over again.

The current campaigns, similar to those of the past 30 months, can be compared to the act of pushing a stick into a dry sand pile. When the stick is withdrawn the sand pours in the hole without leaving a trace. Similarly periodic Japanese mopping-up operations and subsequent withdrawals do not alter the shape of the war beyond human losses which China is better able to afford than Japan.

This same costly futile story has been enacted time and again since 1938 when the Japanese stopped winning the war after the capture of Hankow and Canton and failed to bring China to her knees in submission.

To-day the Japanese are openly baffled and discouraged. They do not know what to do next. They lack the strength to break the military stalemate.

### Peace Out Of Question

Peace appears out of the question now that Chungking has survived the shock of the Nippon-Russian neutrality pact and expects important military aid from America.

In this situation Japan may cut her commitments and withdraw to await a chance to drive toward the Soviets. However, so far, no developments confirm the reports that Japan appeared to be preparing to withdraw troops from large areas in the interior of China and concentrate her power along the seacoast.

In the present Shansi-Honan-Hupeh operations the Japanese are "winning" the same battles they have already won ten times. No strategic cities or supply routes are involved.

The Japanese will undoubtedly claim that Chungking forces have been annihilated and that Chinese resistance has been crushed but within a few months they will have to mop up the same sectors.

The Japanese reported that the Yellow River battle was nearing successful conclusion as Nippon forces along the south bank of the stream seized a ford over which 200,000 Chinese warriors were attempting to escape from Shansi.

In contrast with the futile interior operations the current Japanese coastal campaigns are yielding concrete results in the form of increased pressure on China's supply lines. They have completely severed one important secret trade route.

The Japanese are silent on the operations in northeastern China beyond Ningpo where 50,000 Chinese are surrounding a smaller number of Japanese at Chuki. The Japanese have not disclosed the strength of their forces on other fronts. Associated Press.

## NEW LIGHT ON HESS

A British night-fighting Boulton-Paul Defiant was on Rudolf Hess's tail when he landed in Scotland.

This was revealed when more light on the whole Hess incident was shed in the House of Commons yesterday by the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, replying to a question.

Sir Archibald made it clear there had been no previous correspondence between Hess and the Duke of Hamilton.

He said the Duke of Hamilton did not recognise Hess when he saw him in a Scottish hospital, although it was possible Hess had seen him when he visited the Olympic Games in 1936.

### What Action?

Major Lloyd-George suggested it would give satisfaction to the R.A.F. if Sir Archibald stated that action was taken to intercept Hess's plane.

Sir Archibald in reply said that when Hess baled out a Defiant fighter was hot on his plane's trail.—Reuter.

### False Name

Answering a question in the Commons as to the position of Wing-Commander the Duke of Hamilton in relation to the arrival in Britain of Rudolf Hess, the Air Secretary said: "When Deputy Fuehrer Hess came down with his aeroplane in Scotland on May 10 he gave a false name and asked to see the Duke of Hamilton."

The Duke, being apprised by the authorities, visited the German prisoner in hospital. Hess then revealed for the first time his true identity, saying he had seen the Duke when he was at the Olympic games at Berlin in 1936.

The Duke did not recognise the prisoner and had never met the Deputy Fuehrer. He had, however, visited Germany for the Olympic Games in 1936 and during that time had attended more than one large public function at which German Ministers were present.

It was therefore quite possible that the Deputy Fuehrer may have seen him on one such occasion.

### Saw Premier

As soon as the interview was over Wing-Commander the Duke of Hamilton flew to England from Scotland and gave a full report of what had passed to the Prime Minister, who sent for him.

Contrary to reports which have appeared, the Duke has never been in correspondence with the Deputy Fuehrer.

None of the Duke's three brothers who are, like himself, serving in the R.A.F., has either met

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## GERMANS STILL SEE LONG WAR

The Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Sociale Demokraten" cites an editorial of the "German newspaper in Belgium," which, under the title, "How Strong Is England?" was apparently preparing its readers for a long war despite Reichsfuehrer Hitler's assurances that the war would be victoriously ended this year.

Recalling the German declaration that the Reich was prepared even for a war of several years, the paper repeated Herr Hitler's statement that "1941 will be a year of great effort," and that of Premier Mussolini saying "it is likely we will have to fight for a long time." The paper then continued:

"England is not Poland; she has roots throughout the world and has not yet paid the blood toll which weakens human material. England has, to a very large extent, reserved her man power, both of the island and of the empire, for the last battle."

"Numerous English divisions are still intact," the paper continued. "The British Fleet is still the strongest naval force in the world and intends to defend its reputation of invincibility. The British air squadrons, at least to some extent, justify the praises which were cast upon them on the British Isles. It has never been bad for the victor to think of his enemy as too strong rather than too weak."

## S.O.S. SAVED BLACK-OUT

A few minutes before her husband was due to broadcast a worried little woman telephoned the B.B.C., asking them to give him an S.O.S. They did.

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The worried wife was spending the night in town and thought her husband, returning home in the black-out, might switch on the light before shutting the window left open for the cat.

Hess or had correspondence with him.

It will be seen that the conduct of the Duke of Hamilton has been in every respect honourable and proper.—British Wireless.



# SHIPPING THE DECISIVE FACTOR IN STRUGGLE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in a letter to Rear-Admiral Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission, said: "I am glad of the opportunity to send a maritime message to the American people.

"To-day, as never before in our history, our merchant marine is vital for our national welfare. I do not mean vital merely in the conventional sense, that it makes an important contribution, but in the stronger sense that it is a crucially decisive factor in our struggle for existence as a free people.

## FINDS LOVER SHOT---WILL JOIN WAAFS

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

Grief-stricken at the death of her soldier sweetheart, who shot himself when he knew he could not be married immediately, nineteen-year-old Elizabeth Moore has decided to join the W.A.A.F.

At the inquest she told how she followed her fiancé, Private Alfred Hughes, aged twenty, from his home in Coutts Road, Stepney, E., to her home across the road, and there found him dead.

### Acted In Son's Interest

"My wife had just explained to Alfred that he could not afford to get married immediately," his father Mr. Benjamin Hughes, told me. "After the inquest Elizabeth left us, saying she was going to join the Air Force."

Hughes left his home in a "huff" and shot himself with his service rifle.

She had known him since August.

The coroner said that the mother probably acted in her son's interest. He recorded a verdict of Suicide while the balance of mind was disturbed.

"If we are going to keep away from our shores the forces that have conquered the Old World and now menace the New, the job will be done in large measure by the ships and sailors of the merchant marine and by the working men who build the ships and supply them.

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"I know the effort will not fail that more and faster ships will be built and manned by trained American seamen and that they will carry through the open waters of the seven seas implements of war which will help destroy the menace to free peoples everywhere."

The letter was read at ceremonies in Washington Navy Yard yesterday in connection with observance of Maritime Day — the 122nd anniversary of the departure of the S. S. Savannah for the first successful trans-Atlantic voyage by steam.—Reuter.

## CONDEMNATION OF RASCHID ALI

The Nawab of Chhattari, prominent Muslim leader and former Premier of the United Provinces, has added his voice to the condemnation by the Muslims of the action of Rashid Ali, saying: "The Axis, having failed to break through India's first line of defence in Egypt, are now trying to find every means of succeeding in its designs." — Reuter.

# WARM TRIBUTES TO JEWISH WAR CONTRIBUTION

THE SOUTH AFRICAN PREMIER, General Jan Smuts, yesterday paid a tribute to Jewry for its contribution to the Allied cause in a message to the South African Zionist Conference.

General Smuts said that in South Africa the percentage of Jewish volunteers for military service was just as good as that of other sections of the population.

"In the years that follow this war, it will surely be remembered that whoever else faltered or failed, the Jews played their part by the side of the Allies. And that remembrance may help solve problems which have so far proved too much for us."

Mr. L. S. Amery and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, in special messages, also praised the Jewish war effort.

The Zionist leader, Dr. Weismann, in a message, declared that 500,000 Jews in Palestine stood united and ready. British positions in the Near East, including Palestine, would be defended with determination and vigour and the invader flung back. It was his deep conviction that

with the restoration of peace and in shaping a better world, the age-old problem of the homelessness of the Jews, which had been intensely aggravated by the war, would call forth a fundamental solution. — Reuter.

## COMMUNAL RIOTS IN BOMBAY

Hindu-Muslim riots broke out again in Bombay city last night, and hitherto over 20 have been taken to hospital. The police fired on a riotous mob in one place. It is not yet known what the casualties were as result of the firing.—Reuter.

## IN BRIEF — SALVATION

This story was told by the President of the Board of Education at Liverpool:

A young preacher in Scotland, before entering the pulpit, asked an elder how long he should preach.

"Far be it from me to say anything that might abridge the Gospel message," said the elder, "but we have no record here of any soul being saved after the first ten minutes."

## BEAUTY LED TO MURDER

Chicago model, Nedra Evans, enjoyed a perfect married life with her handsome young husband, William, and two-year-old son—till a few days ago, when she was voted "America's most beautiful brunette" by the nation's leading artists.

Nedra's picture appeared in hundreds of newspapers and magazines. Offers of rich contracts showered on her from all parts of the country and her husband became madly jealous.

They quarrelled, and Nedra said she would get a divorce.

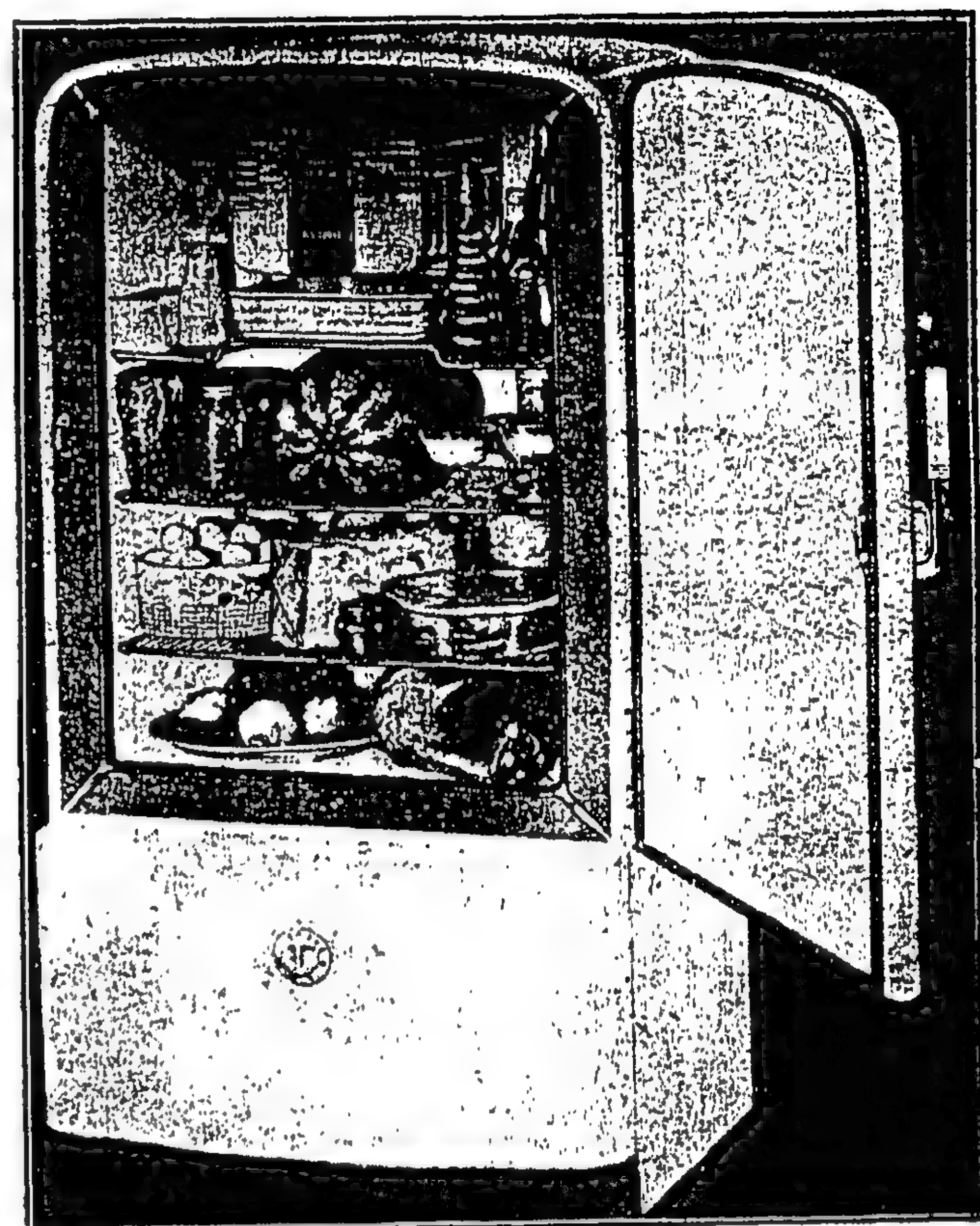
This threat sent William crazy. He stabbed Nedra, his son and his mother-in-law, and then stabbed himself.

His mother-in-law died of wounds. William, Nedra, and the child are in a serious condition.

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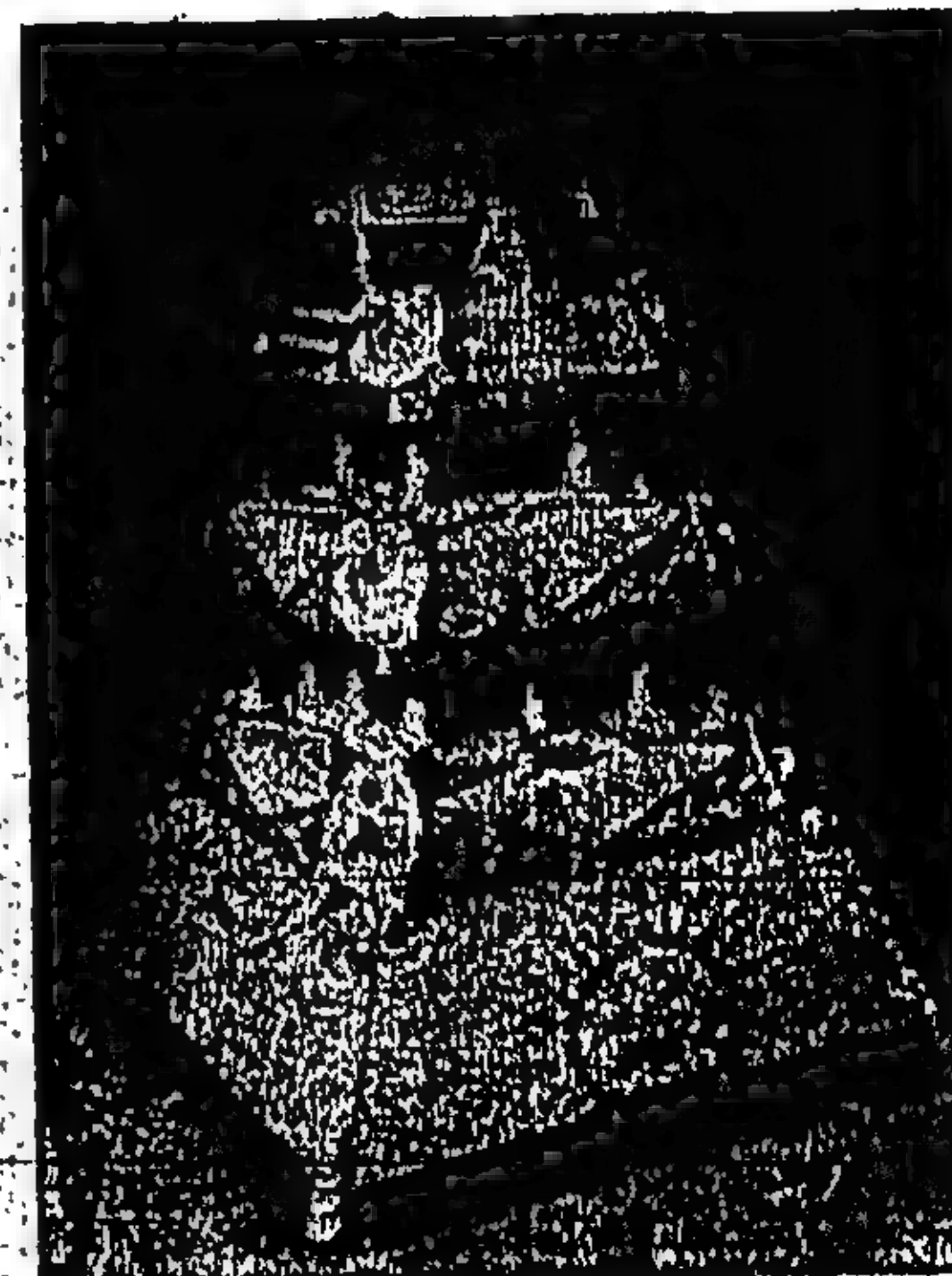
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# ANTI-SPORT ELEMENTS ACTIVE

THE ANTI-SPORT ELEMENT HAS BEEN USING PETROL WASTE AS ONE OF THE CHIEF PLANKS IN ARGUMENTS AGAINST WARTIME RACING, FOOTBALL AND OTHER SPORTS, FREQUENTLY CALLING ATTENTION TO THE LARGE CROWDS OF MOTORCARS AT SPORTING FIXTURES, NOTABLY THE WAR CUP FINAL AT WEMBLEY RECENTLY.

It is now announced that inspectors will visit car parks at horse-racing, greyhound racing, football, cricket and other entertainments where, it is announced, they will check up on cars and other motor vehicles.

If it is found that supplementary grant of petrol is being abused, a decrease in the extra allowance will be made or, if circumstances justify such a step, it may be taken away entirely - Reuter.

# SMALL TURNOVER ON STOCK MARKET

The turnover on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was small. Main feature was the recovery of gilt-edged, especially War Loan, on revived interest following the near conclusion of London's war savings campaign.

Foreign issues were mostly firm. Japanese and Chilean further advanced but Spanish 4 per cents weakened from 33 to 30. Industries changed very little apart from a continued upward trend by shipping shares, Indo-China's now being 120/- and Union Castles 13/- . Wall Street was uncertain. - Reuter.

# ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DERBY

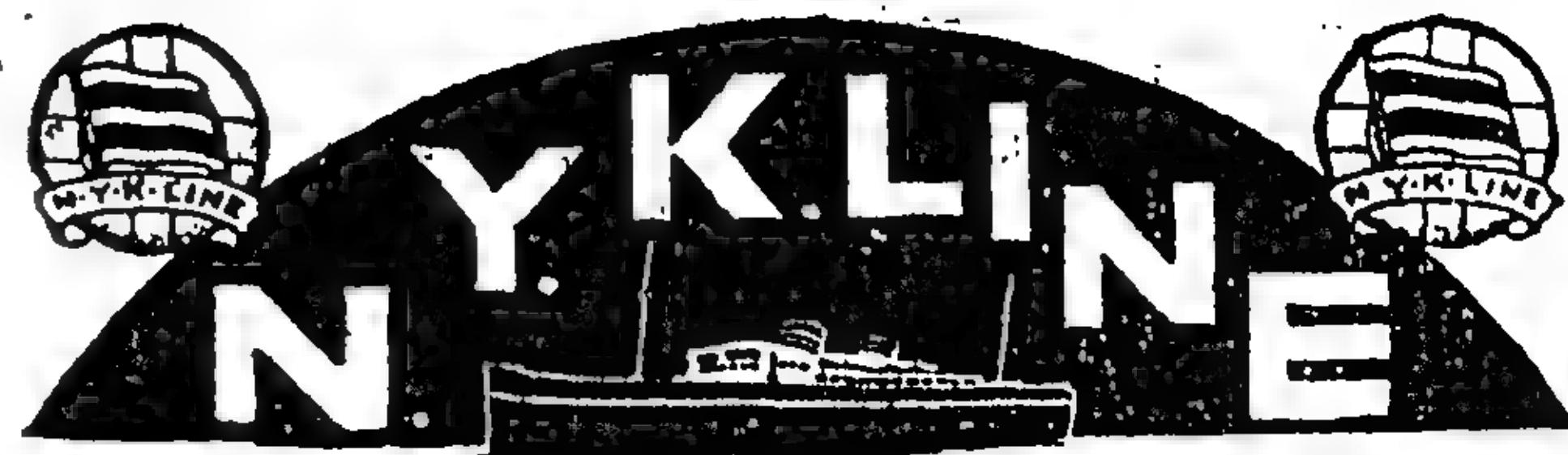
Announcement yesterday of acceptances for the New Derby and New Oaks Stakes, substitutes for the peace-time Derby and Oaks classics, confirms that the Derby will be run on Wednesday, June 18, with the Oaks on the following day.

There are 26 acceptances for the Derby and 20 for the Oaks, both races being over a one and a half mile course at Newmarket. - Reuter.

# ANOTHER TRIAL BALLOON

A Japanese report that 40 or 50 officers and men of the U.S. Fourth Marines in Shanghai are to return to America is denied by the American quarters concerned, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

These quarters declare that there will not even be partial evacuation of the American Marines from Shanghai. These reports are apparently trial balloons. The United States Government does not intend to relinquish its interests in the Far East. - Central News.



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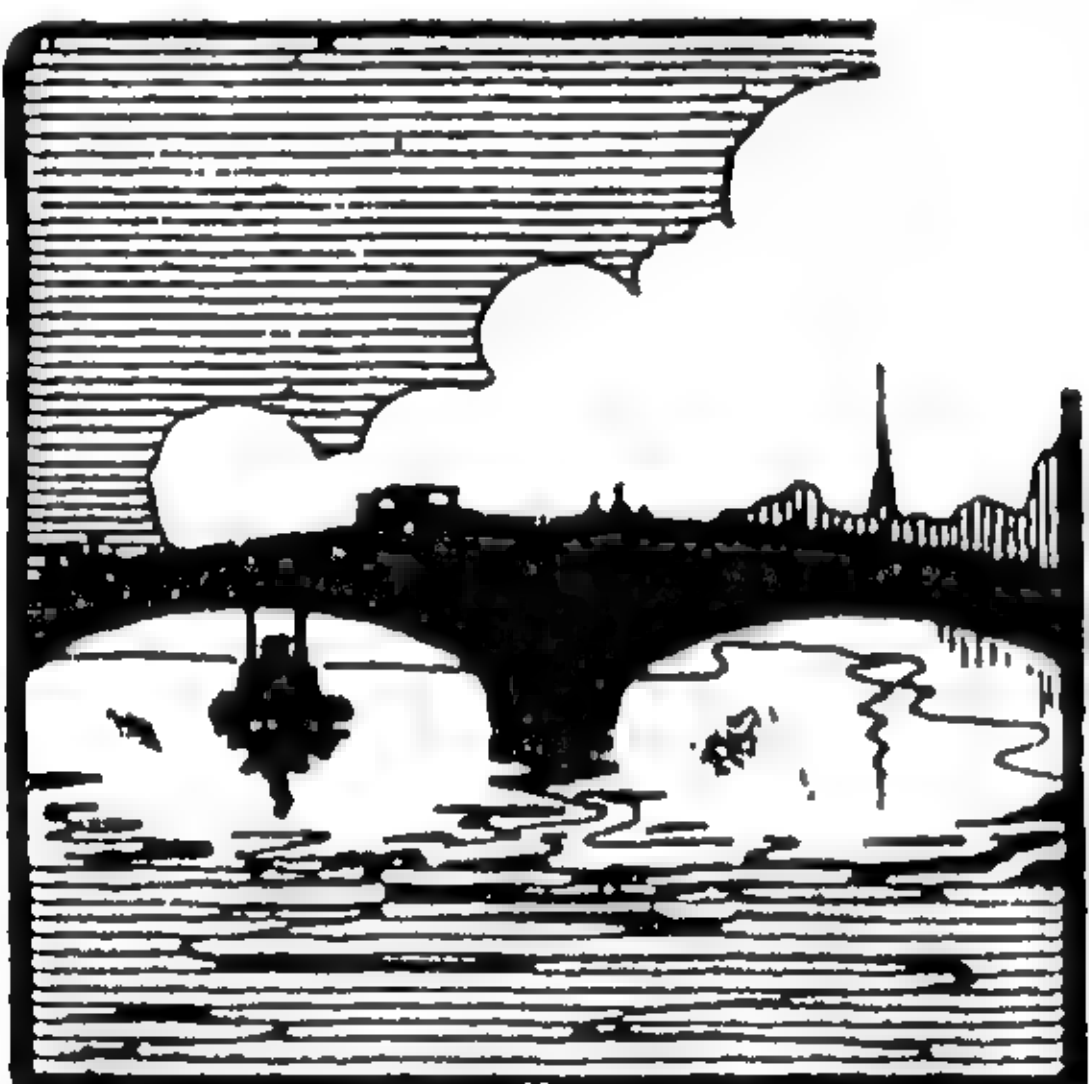
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# INDIANS BRING OFF THE BEST RESULT TO DATE

## K.C.C. Trounced But Fincher Takes Limelight

### SECOND DIVISION

## C.C.C. ARE SETTLING DOWN

By "Lead"

Kowloon Tong, who are going great guns at the moment, had an easy passage against Cricket Club and at no time were they in any danger. Indeed in the early stages, they were going along at such a pace that it seemed more than probable that a record margin would be established, but Cricket Club fought back well.

Stephens, having a useful start against Goodwin, never looked back, although the opposition did get to within two shots just before tea. The Kowloon Tong front men were all in form and consequently, Stephens did not have as much to do as he has had hitherto. Mackay had a slight edge on Atkenhead, while Lim, although Duncan was in great form and saving continually, gave a better display than in any other match this season. Wong was far more consistent than Rowell.

Stephens and Goodwin had a great tussle and the ex-K.C.C. player must have saved his side at least a dozen shots in the course of the match. He was equally adept when it came to dead drawing or a pound on, but fortune usually favoured the visitors.

Kew, given splendid support, had an easy passage against Brown, who was obliged to come up heavy on at least 75 per cent of the heads in order to attempt to save big counts. Brown usually favours a heavy shot but on Saturday they just would not run for him.

For Kew, Henry Castro, his lead, touched his very best form and touchers were the rule rather than the exception, while Madar also, after two mediocre matches, came into his own with a good all-round display.

Howard after being 28-6 up beat Costello by 18 shots. Teddy Castro again played well while Billie Gittins, in his first match this season, gave a splendid display. Costello himself was the best of the losing rink, with S. L. Lloyd doing some good work on occasion.

### Useful Combination

Craigengower, having recovered from the shock given them by Prison Officers in their first League match of the season, have now settled down into a useful combination and I await the result of their match with the potential champions, Kowloon Football Club, on Saturday with much interest.

Lock, with a reconstituted team, had a very good win over Melrose, despite the great individual efforts of the latter. Razack, back to lead, showed much improvement on his previous display, and Kitchell, who had not played previously for some four years, was useful at No. 2. Ernie Zimmerman was an extremely valuable man to his skip, who usually had less to worry about than his opposite number. There was little to choose between the front men as MacArthur, Gould and Maim all did their stuff on occasions, but Melrose had a slight edge on Lock.

Sollan, Forman and Ward supported Randall well in his game against Chalmers, Ward in particular being on his game, but the Talkoo skip played an uncanny game and the fact that he won by four shots is ample testimony to his prowess.

Chalmers was saving continually. On one occasion, Craigengower were lying five, when Chalmers came up with his last wood to draw the very first.

Randall had an off day. With his rink bolstered by the presence of Luigi Souza, Medina had a comparatively easy passage against Watson, and won by a round dozen.

Joe Xavier at lead and Lionel Lammett both did well for the winners.

### Curtis Shines

A very useful-looking team on paper, Kowloon Cricket Club took two matches to settle down but they finally got away with a win last week over the erstwhile

## Shepherd Rallies To Beat Carlos Silva

By "Lead"

BEST RESULT IN last week's programme of League bowls matches was the fine win of Indian Recreation Club over Kowloon Bowling Green Club's senior team, although the fact that I.R.C. were playing at home makes that result not so surprising as might appear at a glance.

Other senior matches went as expected. Craigengower registered a clean-sweep against K.C.C. but the Champions dropped a point to Police, for whom Jack Shepherd was again in the limelight with a brilliant win over the inimitable Carlos Silva.

K.F.C. were not engaged in Second Division and the table is now headed by Kowloon Tong, who had a clean-sweep against Cricket Club, with Prison Officers well in the hunt.

K.F.C. and I.R.C. are showing splendid form in Third Division and it is interesting to note that under the new system of scoring the former team are only a point and a half in arrears, although they have lost a match.

The weather on Saturday was ideal and, with the fine start the League has had this year, there is every reason to expect that the current season will be one of the best ever.

### Best So Far

I.R.C. pulled off the best performance thus far this season by beating K.B.G.C. "A" at Sookun-poo. The Indians, on their own ground, however, are always liable to cause an upset and I rather expected that they would give a good account of themselves. Holand had a ding-dong struggle with Dallah and did very well to win after being 13-18 down at the 18th. Man for man there was little in it and the two-shot

### Senior team, H K F.C.

Bob Meadows was the chief reason for their success, his 13-shot win over Pearce more than making up for Tommy Carr's defeat. Langley, brought into the team late, played a useful game at No. 1 for Meadows, although he fell away a little in the later stages, while "Diddler" Martin was generally thereabouts.

Curtis played one of his best games of the season and consequently Meadows rarely had very much to worry about.

For Pearce, Brooksbank was the star but he did not receive the necessary support.

Carr did not do badly against Gill but he did not always have the best of luck. Cusell was holding Howell but Tony Fabel was obviously not happy and Stephens usually had an edge on him. Hubert Overly, although a little erratic, played some excellent shots and Carr himself on occasions was brilliant, his heavy ones particularly so, but they just would not run for him. Gill, near the end, was drawing beautifully and on his own showing thoroughly deserved his win.

Steven had a dour struggle with Macfarlane and it was not until the 16th head that he got his nose in front and just managed to hold his lead in the face of a big challenge by Macfarlane at the last two ends.

### Prison Officers Again

Prison Officers continue to knock 'em over. Their latest victims were Recrelo, who were beaten on their own territory.

Gowland, well-supported by his front men particularly McCutcheon at No. 3, had the better of O. P. Remedios throughout and was never in difficulties. At one stage he was leading by 24-8 and eventually finished 19 shots to the good.

Jillott, who suffered his first setback, had little assistance from his front men and was always up against it. Pereira, Marques and Noronha were in grand form and completely outboxed their opposite numbers, with the result that Remedios, himself, had little to do but consolidate, which he did with some success.

Bagley's rink had some difficulty in finding the green in the early stage and they dropped seven shots on the first two heads, but, having settled down, they were never in any further danger. Foster was the pick of the winning rink, being particularly deadly with his drawing, and Bagley himself did well. Soares, I am told, had an off day and on many occasions came up much too wide.

ends. The Craigengower rink was fairly consistent all through.

Notwithstanding the brilliant efforts of Joe Fraser, who was in great form, his rink went down to Rosselet by 15 shots. Fraser was 8-9 at the 10th end but was then blanked for the next eight ends, during which time Rosselet put together 17 shots. Taylor played some useful shots but the other members of the K.C.C. rink were no match for their opposite numbers.

### Fine Win

Although the Champions continue on their victorious way, the outstanding performance of the week was returned in the course of their match with Police. I refer to Jack Shepherd's win over Carlos Silva.

It is possible that Silva feels the absence of Johnnie Ribeiro, who is in Shanghai, but this is the second successive match in which he has established an early superiority only to fall away badly in the latter stages, against K.C.C. Tommy Madar nearly pulled it off, scoring 14 shots after tea and only losing by two after being 6-20 down.

Shepherd went one better. At the tea-interval he was 10-18 down, and would have been even further down the sink had he not scored a four at the last end before the breather. After tea Silva scored a two, but Shepherd went away with four singletons in succession, 3 1 3 to 21-18. He then conceded a two at the last end to win by the narrowest possible margin.

Individually there was little to choose between the two rinks. Joe Luz and McLeod had a great struggle at lead, and Marques and Harris were well-matched. Dick Alves and Dail did all that could be expected of them, while Shepherd, who is in grand form this year, more than held his own against his brilliant opponent and thoroughly deserved his success.

It is interesting to note at this juncture that Carlos Silva played 18 matches last season and only lost one—the last but one against Fred Jones' Civil Service rink, the three front men being W. J. Burling, J. Hempsey and H. E. Strange. Silva then had the same rink that played on Saturday except that Johnny Ribeiro was in a No. 3 instead of Alves.

Ted Post lost by nine shots to "Spuggy" Silva, the slight superiority of the front men proving the deciding factor. Smith, erstwhile junior player, made a promising debut for the Police and can be said to have justified his inclusion.

From the scores it would appear that Wally Mair was given an awful lacing by Luz. I am told that this was far from being the case, however, and that things would just not go right for the Police rink. The front men were fairly well-matched but Luz himself was in brilliant form and although Mair did his best—and a very useful best it was—the experience of the Recrelo skip enabled him to register big counts at the right moments.

### Morrison's Big Effort

Notwithstanding Bob Morrison's big win over Jack McKelvie K.B.G.C. "B" beat Kowloon Ducks by 12 shots.

Morrison's success was largely due to the brilliant efforts of Ferguson, his right-hand man, and his own marvellous form. Getting away to a good start, the Duck rink were never in any difficulty.

The deadly form of the two front men, Scard and Deacon, played a big part in Guy's win over Tommy Coleman. Although the two first-named were rarely far away, they did not have matters all their own way by any means, as Bob Lapsley and McMaster were always thereabouts. The fact therefore, that Drew and Guy had little to do reflects the showing of Scard and Deacon. Greig, the Duck No. 3, had a bad day but Coleman drew some nice ones.

Canny Bob Duncan had all the support he wanted from his rink and consequently had an extremely easy passage against Kempton, the Duck quartette scoring at only six ends.

### Medicos Good

Recrelo "B", which seems to be a particularly well-balanced if not brilliant 'de, had yet another success on Saturday, when they beat Civil Service at the Alley.

The Medical Profession were well to the fore in the Guterres-MacGowan match, the fine form of Guterres and Albert Rodrigues proving the deciding factor.

The deadly form of Charlie Strange and Burling, who overshadowed their opposite numbers, was responsible for Strange's rink beating B. Basto. Derlos Alves was the pick of the Recrelo four. Rakusen, the Colony champion, struck a bad patch against J. J. Basto and was beaten by 12. The Recrelo rink all through were the better players.

### THIRD DIVISION

## BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY L. DE ROME

By "Lead"

KOWLOON FOOTBALLERS DID PRETTY WELL TO BEAT THE USEFUL K.B.G.C. TEAM.

Evans beat Ted Thompson by nine shots but it was a close struggle all through, the fine form of Fuller having much to do with the Football Club's success.

I am told that Fuller, on two occasions, played lovely shots to save with the opposition lying five!

"Edgar" Wallis had an even tussle with Basil Thompson and honours were just about shared, but Langley and Dinnen were right off and rarely beat Charles Wong and Fuller. Ted Thompson played a useful game, on one occasion saving a six with a spectacular shot, but he had little on Ben Evans, who was also on form. There was a high standard in the Nish-Ogden match, both sides playing well and only the slight superiority of Ogden over Nish turned the scales.

There was nothing in the encounter between Hamilton and Smalley up to the tea-interval, when the scores were 9 all but later on Hamilton's rink got their noses in front and when the skips went down to bowl, they usually had the shot. Hamilton did not go in for spectacular shots at this stage but concentrated on holding what he had. His blockers rather had the effect of putting Doc Smalley off and the latter's game fell away. The Bowling Green men were never far away and Frost and Abbas were the pick of the Footballers.

### De Rome Brilliant

Strengthened by Soutar and Nolan from the senior team Police proved far too strong for Hong Kong Electric and only the brilliant bowling of De Rome and his men prevented a clean sweep.

Johnson played well as No. 3 to Channing and generally had the better of Barron and when the skips went down to bowl, De Rome more often than not had the shot against him. He was in brilliant form, however, and time on end saved with perfect drawing.

Channing also played well for Police and on the whole had an interesting afternoon against De Rome though he lost by 11 shots.

The other two matches were walk-overs for Police.

### Game Fight

The Recrelo novices put up a game fight against Hong Kong Football Club and were beaten by 4 points to 1.

Yvanovich was unfortunate not to register his first win this season as at the last head he was leading by one shot, only for Morgan to score a five.

Morgan and Yvanovich were evenly matched but the man of the rink was S. Strange, who played an exceptionally brilliant game for Club at No. 3.

He spooled a lot and gave his skip invaluable assistance.

Morgan's five at the last head was well deserved. He was lying two early on and when he went down to bowl, Club were lying four, to which he added another. Yvanovich in spite of every effort was unable to save.

A fine last spurt enabled Carvalho to reach double figures in his game against Russell and to lose by only 7 shots. Russell was very steady and here again a No. 3, in Bickford, who showed good understanding with Russell, contributed greatly to Club's win.

Mansell, deputising for Needham, held his own until the 19th head in an even game during which there was seldom much difference in the score. A single and a two on the last two heads gave Alarcon a three-shot win to prevent a clean sweep.

### Another I.R.C. Success

Indian Recreation Club continued their run of success, beating Craigengower Cricket Club at Happy Valley. "Sambo" Rumjahn was beaten by L. Gaddi 28-20 and would have even gone down by a bigger margin but for a 5 and 4 at the last two ends.

Rumjahn had bad luck in that none of his front men "were there". Hassan and Rumjahn were completely off form and Abdul-Razack, his No. 3, fell off after a somewhat promising start. Gaddi, on the other hand, bowled extremely well and was well supported by other members of his rink, especially Lee, his No. 1, who was very consistent.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

# UNIT BASEBALL LEAGUE IDEA BRINGS RESPONSE

## Entries For Water-Polo Competitions Close To-Day Draws To Be Made To-Morrow

By "Squaddy"

The much awaited Water-Polo League between Y.M.C.A., Navy, and Army got under way on Tuesday, Middies playing Y.M.C.A., the latter winning, and Royal Corps of Signals, beating the Navy "C" team by 2-0.

Middlesex have lost two of their best players in Sgt. Freshwater and Pte. Berry, who have left the Colony, and Pte. Goodar replacing Berry in goal, gave a good account of himself. Sgt. Freshwater's place was taken by Sgt. Plummer.

Signals, winners of the Large Units competition last season, are training hard again for honours and from what I have seen of them they are still a force to be reckoned with.

Entries for the Large and Small Units competitions close to-day.

The draws for these competitions will be made to-morrow by representatives of all teams competing and the Secretary for water-polo, Lieut. H. A. W. Millar, of Royal Scots.

This year the points for water-polo competitions will not count towards the points for the aggregate swimming cup, as in previous years, and this should enable teams to have an equal chance at the swimming meeting. Last season, Combined Small Units and Royal Corps of Signals were in the finals of both the Large and Small Units water-polo events, and success in both gave Combined Small Units the points they needed for the aggregate swimming cup.

This was a grand effort on their part and shows the fine spirit among their group, but when teams like the company teams of the Royal Scots or the Middlesex, who had to play the Signals last season, were representing both their Unit and the Combined Small Units, it did not give them

much chance in the Small Units League as the Signals were playing the same team for both events.

Although the Signals do not come up to anywhere near the strength of Royal Scots or Middlesex as Large Units, they are stronger as a team and have the advantage of playing together throughout in both competitions.

### BASEBALL

SINCE my last notes on this sport, I have had several letters on the forming of a Baseball League for Units in the Colony, and it has been suggested that a meeting be called of Units who wish to participate some time next month.

I am sure that anyone interested in this game will be able to get all the information they require if they get in touch with S/Sgt. Wellford, of Royal Engineers, Wellington Barracks.

Construction of the stand at Chatham Road will shortly be started and it was decided at the annual meeting of the Baseball League, held on Tuesday, that all League matches will be played there.

### TENNIS

OWING to the rain during the last week the Area Tennis League, which was due to start last Tuesday, will now commence next Tuesday, if fine.

Some very interesting matches

### GRAPHIC GOLF



### WOOD'S PUTTING By Best Ball

Craig Wood, Masters' Open Champion, has been knocking at the door for some little time. He has had a number of championships in the bag, sewed up and about ready to take home when things would go haywire. Once before in this event, he apparently had the championship won when Gene Sarazen blasted a 225 yard spoon shot directly into the cup.

A couple of years ago Wood was far from a top notch putter. Since then he has changed his style from a crouching stance to a more upright one; from jabbing the putter head at the ball to swinging it. The taller stance allows smoother stroking and in Wood's case, facilitates the pendulum type of stroke he employs. This change apparently was just the tonic Wood needed, for his putting over the Augusta National course left little to be desired.



### ASSOCIATION

#### FOOTBALL

NEXT season the Army may be represented in First Division of the Football League by four clubs, namely Royal Scots, Middlesex, Regiment, Royal Engineers, and Combined Royal Artillery.

If the Royal Artillery enter this Division they will have to consider the players in all their Battery teams, and this might result in some of them playing for the First Division team for a few matches and then being dropped, and not being allowed to play for their Batteries.

### INTER-CLUB BILLIARDS

A Billiards and Snooker match will take place on Monday next, at 7 p.m., when the Water Police Station will entertain Club de Recreio, at Tsimshatsui. A. J. Osmond, former Colony Billiards champion, will turn out for the Portuguese club.

## HEAVYWEIGHTS FIGHT AMONG SELVES IN U.S.

AS THOUGH JOE LOUIS wasn't enough, James J. Johnston's heavyweights — Robert Pastor and Abraham Simon—are fighting among themselves, writes a correspondent from New York.

Abe Simon charges Bob Pastor with a speech unbecoming a member in good standing of The Bum-of-the-Month Club, let alone a stablemate.

Pastor said it was just a build-up for the Billy Conn battle in June when Larruper Louis permitted Man Mountain Simon to land-hide into the 13th round in Detroit.

"If that was a build-up," says Simon, "why did Louis keep knocking me down? If that was a build-up, I'd hate to tackle the wrecking crew."

### Pastor Talks

Pastor added that he could lick Simon, but there appears to be some doubt about that in the big bloke's mind.

Simon says Pastor will have to prove it if he enters Stillman's Manhattan Gymnasium when the pickle barrel wrestler starts preparing for a second printing with Louis, which is The Bum-of-the-Month's selection for May... at Madison Square Garden. Angry Abe threatens to bop Bicycle Bob on the beeper on sight, provided he can catch him.

The civil war is quite all right with Jimmy Johnston, who specialises in supplying Embalmer Louis with standing and running stiffs.

### Best Seller

Early demand gives Publisher Mike Jacobs every assurance that the second installment of The Life of Simon will be a best seller in New York as was the first in Detroit.

Things are so good that Johnston is working both sides of the continent, Pastor is down for a third edition in Hollywood, July 14.

"But if Simon and Pastor fight, they won't collide in a small

gymnasium free, gratis and for nothing, remarks Manager-Match maker Johnston. "That would be against union rules, and the average gymnasium is not large enough to accommodate Simon if he has company."

### Let 'em Fight

Inasmuch as Publisher Jacobs practically has a monopoly on the entire book-busting business as well as The Bum-of-the-Month Club, Johnston, ordinarily a timid soul, sees nothing wrong with his having a corner on his own heavyweights.

"Let 'em fight while they feel pugnacious," long has been Jimmy Johnston's motto.

"They can't hurt us." Joe Louis will further soften Abe Simon and Bob Pastor for each other after which there won't be much fight left in either.

## THIRD DIVISION

(Continued from Page 13)

Abdul-Wahab finished off 16 shots to the good in his game with George Ladd. In this match young B. el Arculli was outstanding for very consistent bowling as No. 1 in the Indian rink. It is interesting to note that he is the son of B. el Arculli, for many seasons a member of the Craigengower senior team.

A. O. Madar, bowling wonderfully well scored 20 against A. J. Coelho's 9. There was, however, nothing outstanding in this game and but for a four and a couple of two's for Madar and a triple for Coelho, the scores all came from singletons.

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## BOWLS TEAMS

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### K.F.C.

Second Division (v C.C.C. Away)  
A Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and W. C. Field (Skip)  
N. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Younghusband (Skip)  
A. Dand, C. Downman, T. Ferguson and W. Simpson (Skip)  
Friendly Match (v K.T.G.C.A. Home)  
B. Thomson, W. C. Oakley, C. H. Fuller and B. E. Evans (Skip)  
G. E. Cross, A. MacIntyre, C. Woodcock, and R. M. Ogden (Skip)  
B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley (Skip)  
Reserves: J. Gibson, W. Seraphim and L. Bones

### H.K.C.C.

Second Division (v Prison Officers Club Away)  
J. A. D. Morrison, S. L. Lloyd, L. J. Davies, and G. E. Costello (Skip)  
G. G. Attenhead, T. R. Rowell, L. A. R. Duncan and F. Goodwin (Skip)  
H. B. L. Dowbiggin, E. Hosper, R. A. Edwards, and R. R. Davies (Skip)  
Third Division (v Police Rec. Club Home)  
H. A. Angus, J. G. Haugh, A. McKellar, and A. Nisum (Skip)  
P. Morrison, W. R. Lambert, A. S. Mitchell, and E. S. Abraham (Skip)  
Dr. D. J. Valentine, L. E. N. Ryan, B. J. Lacey, and P. S. Cassidy (Skip)

### K.D.R.C.

First Division (v K.C.C. Away)  
H. G. Cooper, W. Houston, L. Lap, C. E. and F. Cullen (Skip)  
H. H. A. Lapsley, W. MacFarlane, J. Kepperton, and T. Coleman (Skip)  
V. Ramsay, J. Ryan, M. Ferguson, and R. M. Lacey (Skip)

## GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Friday:

### SUNDAY

Old Course  
9:16 a.m. J. Harrop, P. E. Ains  
9:20 .. I. H. Geare, T. J. J. Fenwick  
9:24 .. G. G. Attenhead, J. J. van Muihlen  
9:28 .. J. L. MacIntyre, T. Megarry  
9:32 .. B. D. Evans, D. D. Forbes  
9:36 .. F. A. Redmond, A. B. Purves  
9:40 .. P. M. Cotton, B. O. Baldwin  
9:44 .. H. M. Rowland, J. W. Clague  
9:48 .. A. W. Bourne, A. E. Lissaman  
9:52 .. H. F. Phillips, J. A. Blackwood  
9:56 .. F. D. Hunter, F. N. Merritt  
10:00 .. D. S. Robb, W. L. Alexander  
10:16 .. J. W. Anderson, A. Mabb  
10:20 .. R. H. Griffiths, R. M. M. King

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## FULL PROGRAMME OF FOURTH DIV. MATCHES

Following are the results of games played yesterday in the Fourth Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

P. Y. Kwok and K. C. Wong (S.C.) beat S. A. M. Sopher and K. Singh 6-0  
beat S. Ramchand and W. Mehal 6-0  
beat A. H. Mehal and S. Singh 6-0  
K. C. Siet and K. T. Chan (S.C.) lost to Sopher and Singh 3-6  
beat Ramchand and Mehal 6-2  
beat Mehal and Singh 7-5  
C. M. Tsang and S. S. Yau (S.C.) beat Sopher and Singh 6-3  
beat Ramchand and Mehal 6-0  
beat Mehal and Singh 6-2

### Jewish Club Lose

A. R. Poliak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.) lost to Tomaszewski and D. T. Smith 0-6  
beat N. Whitley and V. C. Bond 6-2  
beat Bull and Gaubert 7-5  
M. Talar and A. Odell (J.R.C.) lost to Tomaszewski and Smith 3-6  
lost to Whitley and Bond 4-6  
lost to Bull and Gaubert 3-6

### C.R.C. Beaten

At Causeway Bay, Chinese R.C. lost to Craigengower C.C. by six sets to three.  
T. M. Tsang and C. Y. Tao (C.R.C.) lost to K. M. Au and C. M. Lee 5-7  
lost to Y. H. Leung and G. Lai 3-6  
lost to K. C. Woo and P. C. Yu 4-6  
K. M. Wong and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.) lost to Au and Lee 2-6  
beat Leung and Lai 6-2  
lost to Woo and Yu 3-6

T. Y. Liang and T. L. Lu (C.R.C.) beat Au and Lee 6-1  
beat Leung and Lai 6-4  
lost to Woo and Yu 3-6

### Army Win

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club beat Post Office R.C. "A" eight sets to one.  
S. Sgt. Ford and L. Cpl. Stoner (Army) beat D. Fitches and K. W. Wong 6-3  
beat C. I. Chan and Y. S. Fung 6-1  
beat S. S. Chin and S. K. Chan 6-2  
L. Cpl. Glasgow and Spr. Easley (Army) beat Fitches and Wong 6-2  
beat Chan and Fung 6-4  
beat Chin and Chan 6-1  
Lt. Trugman and S. Sgt. Mitchell (Army) beat Fitches and Wong 6-2  
beat Chan and Fung 6-3  
lost to Chin and Chan 4-6

### Indians Defeated

At Sookunpoo, Indian R.C. lost to the Philippine Club by seven sets to two.  
M. H. Hassan and G. Singh (I.R.C.) lost to B. Poon and P. Poon 2-6  
beat F. Gonzales and Lee 6-2  
lost to T. S. Hsu and L. F. Souza 4-6  
M. S. Hassan and A. S. Sufiad (I.R.C.) lost to Poon and Poon 1-6  
beat Gonzales and Lee 7-5  
lost to Hsu and Souza 2-6  
M. P. Madar and M. I. Razack (I.R.C.) lost to Poon and Poon 2-6  
draw with Gonzales and Lee 6-6  
lost to Hsu and Souza 2-6

## KOWLOON TONG BADMINTON FINALS

The remaining matches of the badminton finals of the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association were played at the clubhouse last night when badminton of a fairly high standard was witnessed. The results were as follows:

### MEN'S SINGLES

Joseph Tsang beat David Kwok, 15-12, 15-9.

### LADIES' SINGLES (HANDICAP)

Mrs. N. Castro beat Miss Mabel U. 15-6, 15-6.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

D. Kwok and K. M. Lee beat F. Kwok and Y. H. Tang, 21-14, 21-14.

### EXHIBITION MATCHES:

#### MEN'S DOUBLES

P. A. Yvanovich and A. E. Noronha drew with P. Fletcher and J. Chen, 15-10, 5-15.

#### MEN'S SINGLES

R. M. Lavalle beat A. L. Fisher, 15-14.

At the conclusion of the matches last night, Mr. H. M. Siu, President of the Association, called upon his wife to present the prizes.

## ARMY REJECTS GREENBERG FOR FALLEN ARCHES

Hank Greenberg, who gets \$50,000 a year for swatting a baseball, is recommended for deferred status by a Florida draft board because of flat feet.

It is found that the hearing of John Dungan Rigney, top pitcher, is impaired by a chronic perforation of the eardrum.

They wouldn't even let Merrie Aronovich volunteer because most of his teeth were knocked out in basketball.

The examination of young Phil Rizzuto revealed a diabetic condition.

It used to be that nobody came close to a ball player for rounding up imaginary ailments, but that was in the pre-modern draft board era.

It would seem that if a lot of supposedly robust citizens want a deflated opinion of their health, all they have to do is visit a draft board.

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# TIDES OF WAR MOVING

Mr. Fadden Sounds Warning In Australia

## Echoes Of War In Middle East

"THE TIDES OF WAR are moving swiftly towards our shores as the situation in the Balkans and the Middle East becomes more acute."

This warning was made by Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister of Australia, in Adelaide yesterday.

He said there was no need for alarm but as the situation exists and was likely to exist in the near future it should be faced.

"I do not mean specifically that the situation in the Pacific has become more serious but as part and parcel of the British Empire, we are vitally affected by the position as a whole in the Middle East which must have repercussions in the Pacific."

One ray of sunshine, he continued, was evidence of the determination of the United States to back the British cause to the limit, not only by supply of materials, but the actual delivery of materials.

He urged the Australians to give a little more to Australia and a little less to themselves so as to help meet any eventuality.

### NEW AIR FACTORY AT BANGALORE

More technicians on the mechanical side of the Air Force Training Scheme are required for the new aircraft factory in Bangalore. The factory has asked for several hundreds of men. — Reuter.

## SKIES POURING HITLER REINFORCEMENT ON CRETE

Confetti from the clear skies, sometimes in the middle of the Imperial positions, and every man has been warned he must be prepared suddenly to find a Nazi at his elbow and to deal promptly with him.

It is becoming evident that Hitler is staking his utmost resources and all the ingenuity of his much advertised theories of military invasion from the air in this attempt to capture Crete, which is now one of the Allies' most important military and naval bases in the eastern Mediterranean.

### Hitler's Stake

General opinion is that it will constitute a severe defeat morally and materially for Hitler if he fails in his objective.

One part of the scheme, a simultaneous invasion by sea with the use of small, fast boats filled with troops, has for the moment been thwarted by the Royal Navy, and although the full force of the Luftwaffe's dive-bombers, troop-carriers and fighters is being employed, the R.A.F. and ground defences already have shot down a number of dive-bombers.

In the meantime the Imperial troops, aided by Greeks and hillmen, have turned into guerrillas and up to date have succeeded in keeping the situation well in hand, despite the suddenness and novelty of the attack.

### Casualties High

Enemy casualties have undoubtedly been high, as many Germans were killed even before they were able to get the smell of battle when heavily laden troop-carriers attempted to land on the crowded aerodrome at Maleme, which was already pitted by bombs.

The German attack is directed at the most populated area of Crete, between Heraklion and Cana. These places are connected by a good motor road running between wooded mountains and offering good concealment for parachutists.

### Maleme Concentration

Main body of air-borne troops landed at Maleme, which, at the time, possessed a serviceable aerodrome for troop-carriers and was well suited for launching an attack against the naval base in Suda Bay, the approaches to which from north and east are shielded by high hills.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE ALMOST ABLE TO REACH THEIR OBJECTIVE IN THIS AREA BEFORE BEING SPOTTED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE GROUND DEFENCES, BECAUSE A KNIFE EDGE RANGE OF MOUNTAINS FORMS THE IMMEDIATE BACKGROUND OF SUDA BAY.

The Germans are operating a 24-hour air ferry service between Greece and Crete which the R.A.F. is doing its best to upset by bombing enemy air bases in Greece. — Reuter.

### Hand-To-Hand Fighting

SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"

Fighting bitter hand-to-hand battles in a score of rugged mountain areas against a foe whose forces are ceaselessly replenished from the skies, British and Anzac troops are holding their own in Crete.

Wild confusion prevailed in many battles as German parachutists, dropping into deadly British fire, confronted the Anzacs in copies of the defenders' uniforms.

Serious losses have been inflicted on the enemy at all points and the struggle is consistently growing in intensity as more reinforcements are rushed to Crete, with Germans flocking in via parachutes, gliders, troop transport planes and occasionally small ships.

Many were picked off while floating to earth and many planes were shot down but still they came to fill up the depleted ranks and came to grips with the British on fronts which sprang up wherever the Nazis appeared. — International News Service.

### GERMAN FIGHTER DOWNED IN CHANNEL

It was learned in London yesterday, says Reuter, that a German fighter was shot down into the Channel by R.A.F. fighters in the morning.

## Crete The Opening Round

On the events in Crete, the "Daily Telegraph" says that Nazi propaganda makes no secret that this is the opening round in a full-dress battle for Suez.

The enemy's prestige and his military time table both alike demand swift, decisive success.

The newspaper comments that the Nazis will meet none of the aid which favoured them in Holland but will meet instead the force of seasoned troops under a commander whose vigilance and tenacity inspire confidence.

THE "DAILY MAIL" COMMENTS THAT THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF CRETE IN OUR

## FRENCH AID TO IRAQI REBEL

There is good reason to believe that surplus French equipment is being supplied to the Iraqi rebels.

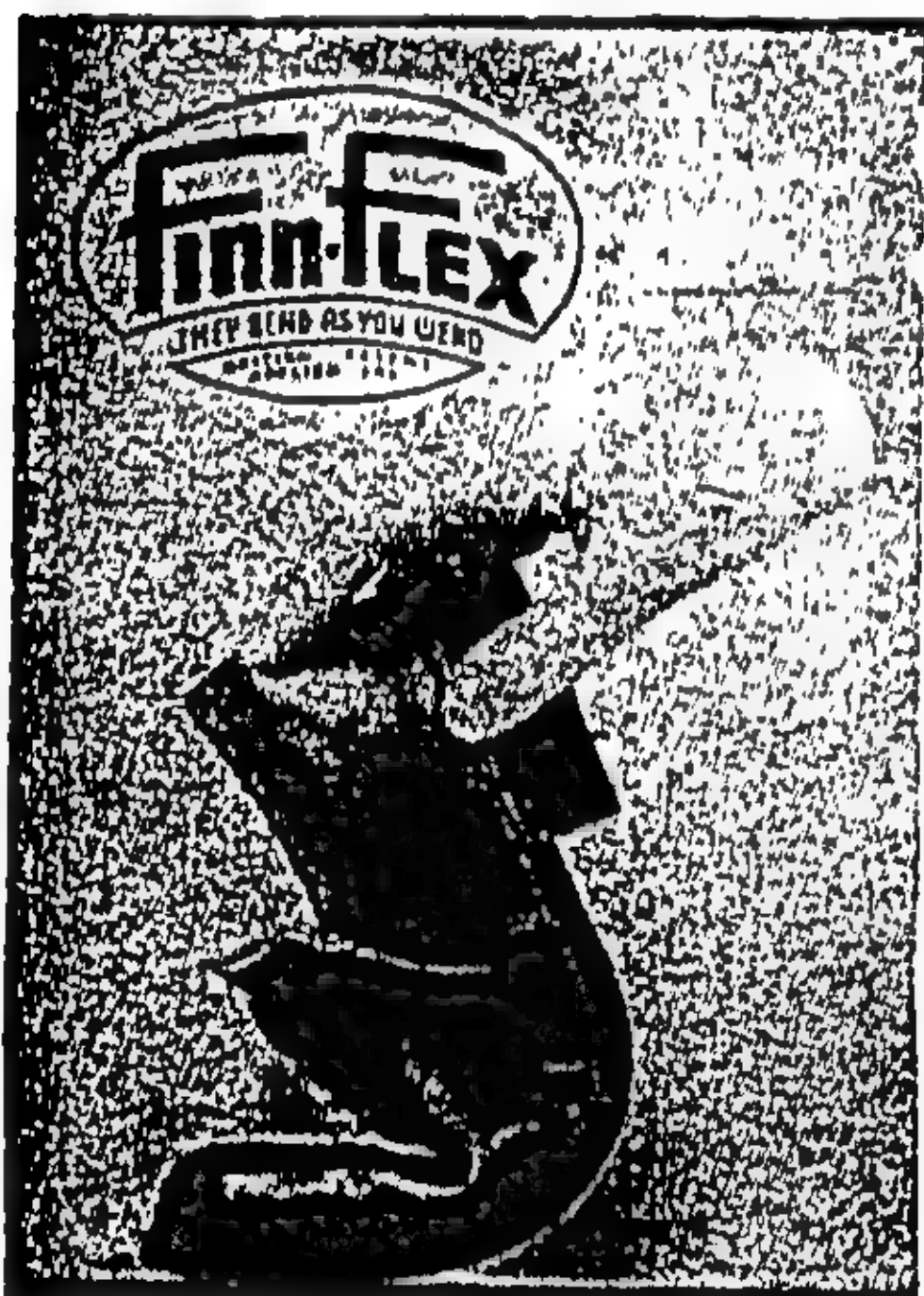
Beyond this fact and affirmation that the French authorities in Syria have placed their aerodromes at the Germans' disposal, the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. C. R. Attlee, told the Commons yesterday that the British Government lack exact details as to the full extent of Vichy Government assistance to the Germans in Syria. — Reuter.

### SCHEME OF IMPERIAL DEFENCE IS OBVIOUS

Victory here will be much more than a local gain and a success for Britain would inflict a damaging blow on the vaunted invincibility of German arms. — Reuter.

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# "TERRIBLE" GERMAN LOSSES

## LEAKS MUST BE PLUGGED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Asserting there were "numerous reports" of American and British firms supplying war materials to the Axis, Senator Gillette yesterday urged speedy approval of his resolution for a Congressional investigation.

Senator Gillette alleged that a "flagrant" example was the sale of petroleum to Russia and Japan, which was sent to Germany.

He claimed that British and American companies recently contracted to refine large quantities of East Indies petroleum for Japan.

"HEAVY MOVEMENTS OF PETROLEUM ARE GOING ON FROM OUR PACIFIC PORTS TO JAPAN."

"It seems to me that the American people, who are making the defence effort, are entitled to know of these activities, which could contribute to the defeat of our purpose."

"In many instances shipments of metals made to Russia have then been sent on to Germany."

Administration. Congressmen indicated they would support the resolution, and the Department of Justice is preparing "valuable" material. — International News Service.

## NAVAL "TASK" FORCES

Unusual legislation, creating an unspecified number of vice-admirals to command special forces which might be assigned to important military missions, was unanimously approved by the U.S. House of Representatives Naval Committee yesterday.

Rear Admiral C. W. Nimitz, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, gave the committee a carefully guarded explanation of the need for the measure, which nevertheless made clear that the new commands would be assigned only to missions of major importance.

THE NAVY'S UNEXPECTED REQUEST FOR THE LEGISLATION HAS STIRRED UP IMMEDIATE CONJECTURE WHETHER THE PROPOSED "TASK FORCES," AS THEY ARE CALLED, MIGHT BE USED TO PROTECT U.S. SHIPPING SOON TO BE MOVING INTO THE RED SEA, OR FOR SOME EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT OPERATION.

## Major Attempt At Landing Crushed

### Situation In Crete Well In Hand

It was learned in Cairo last night that the British troops, aided by Greek and Cretan hillsmen, have succeeded in keeping the situation in Crete well in hand, says a Reuter despatch.

## Annihilation Of Invading Force Now Thought Inevitable

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LATEST ADVICES ON THE BATTLE OF CRETE RECEIVED IN CAIRO REVEAL THAT THE BRITISH AND GREEK FORCES, AFTER CONTINUOUS HEAVY FIGHTING, HAVE "KEPT THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND," WITH THE GERMANS, THOUGH HEAVILY REINFORCED, FAILING TO EXTEND THEIR POSITIONS BEYOND MALEMI AND CANDIA. GERMAN CASUALTIES, IT IS ADDED HAVE BEEN "TERRIBLE."

A major German attempt to land troops, tanks and artillery from the sea was crushed when a strong British fleet and coastal batteries repulsed 30 German vessels, sinking two transports, a destroyer and several smaller craft.

It is now considered that in spite of further German reinforcements, the surrounding and annihilation of the invading forces is inevitable.

Meanwhile in Berlin German official circles told foreign pressmen that the attack on Crete is "actually a rehearsal of an invasion of England." The German public, significantly, has not been told of the Crete operations.

### Smoke Screen

Relays of German Stuka bombers and Heinkels pouring screens of smoke were used to cover renewed German aerial landing

operations yesterday, according to authoritative sources in London.

A heavy toll is believed to have been inflicted on the enemy, on his attempt to land a second division by valiant defenders who are battling unceasingly against the Nazi continuous assaults.

The slow Nazi progress in the island of Crete is stated by London authorities to be due to the strength of the defending force and their decisive measures to (Continued on Page 16)

## SHOW DOWN WITH VICHY NEAR?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRITAIN IS ON THE BRINK OF A DECISIVE SHOWDOWN WITH VICHY, INTERNATIONAL NEWS WAS LED TO BELIEVE IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Reportedly with United States foreknowledge and consent, British naval patrols have taken into custody the French tanker "Scheherezade," en route from the United States to Casablanca with 10,000 tons of gasoline, 3,000 of kerosene and 800 of lubricating oil.

Reports of German penetration of Morocco are believed to have compelled the seizure.

Several American consular officials were on board the ship, to see the cargo was not delivered to the Germans, but it was feared it would eventually come into German hands by a subterfuge.

Meanwhile the United States Government considers that France has violated the spirit if not the letter of the armistice by allowing Germany the use of Syrian bases.

### French Contentment Unacceptable

The United States refuses to accept the French Ambassador's contention that under the armistice Germany gained control of all French airfields.

While it is recognised in Washington that France might be unable to prevent the step, it is felt she could at least have protested instead of acquiescing in such a manner as to encourage full German use of her airfields. — International News Service.

tee, Rear Admiral Nimitz, said: "It is conceivable that ships and planes will be broken up into task forces to carry out special missions."

"Such a task force might consist of a division of battleships, a wing of aircraft, a flotilla of destroyers and a number of submarines."

He said he could not disclose to the committee how such a force might be used. — Reuter.

## "CITY OF SHANGHAI" SURVIVORS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Twenty-two survivors of the British steamer "City of Shanghai" have arrived at Recife, Brazil, according to a message from Rio de Janeiro.

The survivors were picked up by the Argentinian steamer "Josephina" off the coast of Africa. According to the survivors, sixty-six members of the crew left the steamer in life-boats one minute before it sank. The fate of the other 44 is not known.

The message does not state how the steamer was sunk. — International News Service.

### HIS EXCELLENCY

His Excellency the Governor, who has been slightly indisposed, is now very much better but has been ordered to limit his immediate engagements.

His Excellency hopes, however, to fulfil his engagement as Chancellor of the University, to hold a Congregation for the Conferring of Degrees, on May 30, and to proceed to Faulling Lodge on Saturday, May 31, for the night.

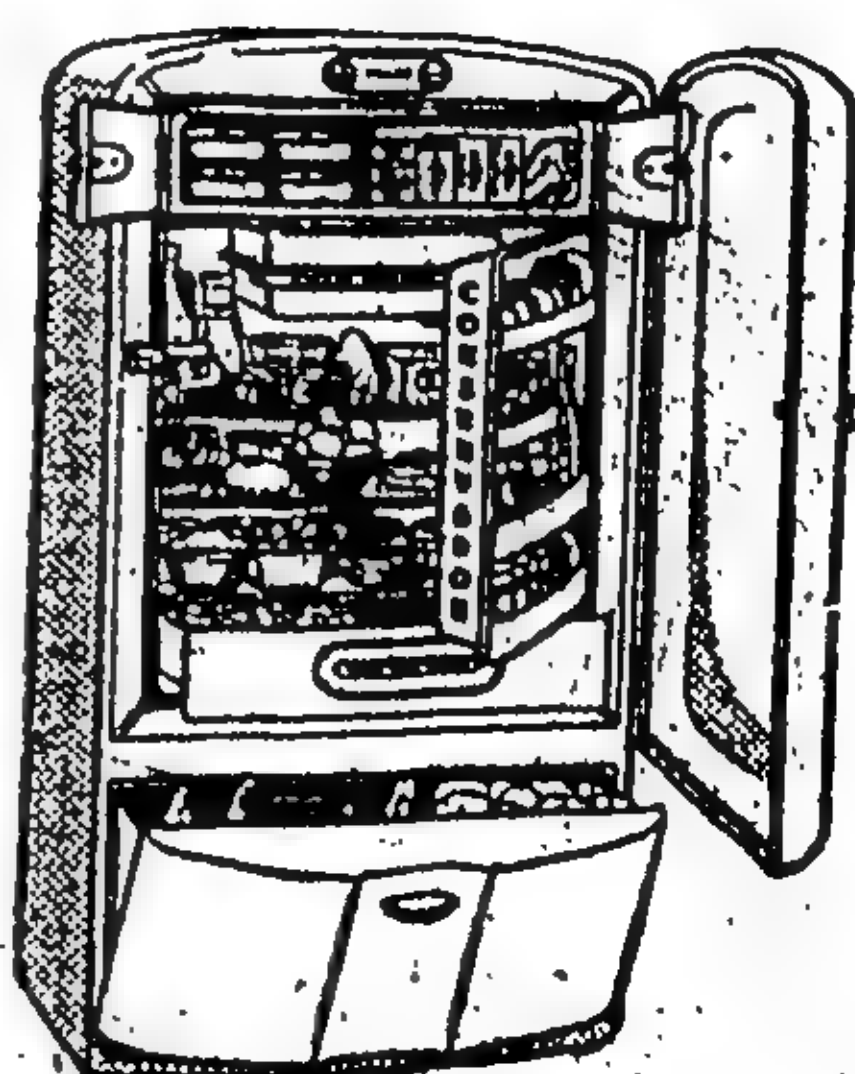
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### GERMAN PROMISES And Performance

The Turkish Deputy, M. Yalcin, fired another broadcast at Germany yesterday.

He recalls that Germany promised Rumania friendship but gave away Bessarabia and Transylvania, while all the resources of Rumania are in German hands. He recalls also that while still friendly to Greece, the German promised Salonika to the Yugoslavs.

He mentions German assurances to other small countries and says that in the last war, when Turkey was Germany's ally, Germany offered the Straits and Istanbul to Russia in return for a separate peace.

Therefore a promise of friendship does not prevent the German from dividing up a country with whom they have sworn friendship.

His series of articles continue to attract widespread attention. — Reuter.

#### WAR TECHNICIANS

A scheme for the utilisation of institutions and factories in the United Provinces for training war technicians has been drawn up by the Indian National Labour Service Tribunal. — Reuter.

### MR. CHURCHILL'S REVIEW OF BATTLE FOR CRETE

JUST BEFORE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ADJOURNED LAST EVENING THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, GAVE "A VERY PROVISIONAL ACCOUNT" OF THE BATTLE OF CRETE, IN WHICH HE TOLD THE HOUSE THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES WITH INTENSITY AND THAT ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION IS IN HAND THE GERMANS HAVE GAINED SOME LOCAL SUCCESSES AT HEAVY COST.

"The Germans are using large numbers of air-borne and parachutist troops, and these are being increased daily," Mr. Churchill declared.

"The position at Heraklion is that our troops still hold the aerodrome although the Germans are now in what is called occupation of the town, which probably means they are ensconced in certain buildings in the town.

"In the Retimo district there is no report of particular fighting though an attempt by the enemy to attack the aerodrome early on Wednesday morning was successfully held.

"In the Canea-Suda Bay sector heavy enemy attacks in the early morning of Wednesday were followed during the day by further parachute landings south-west of Canea, which were heavily en-

gaged by artillery and machine-guns.

"At Malema aerodrome, it appears the enemy are now in occupation of the aerodrome and of the area to the west of Keres, but the aerodrome is still under fire.

"IN THIS SECTOR THE COASTAL LINE STILL REMAINS IN OUR HANDS. FIGHTING CONTINUES, DEEPENING IN INTENSITY, AND WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME.

#### Convoys Intercepted

"On Wednesday night the enemy began to try sea-borne landings but a convoy making for Crete was intercepted by our naval forces and two transports and caiques (Greek boats), which probably contained troops intended for landing operations, were sunk.

"An enemy destroyer escorting the convoy was also sunk. "THE CONVOY TURNED A WAY TOWARDS THE ISLANDS OF THE ARCHIPELAGO AND WAS BEING ATTACKED BY OUR DESTROYERS AND LIGHT FORCES.

"I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT HAS HAPPENED EXCEPT THAT THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF FIGHTING DURING THE DAY, ENEMY AIRCRAFT ATTACKING OUR SHIPS AND WE ATTACKING THE CONVOY.

#### One Result?

"I have no definite information about the results but I feel they can hardly be other than satisfactory in view of the naval forces at our disposal in the Mediterranean generally."

At this point a member interposed suggesting that Mr. Churchill convey to the forces on Crete a message expressing appreciation, admiration and confidence in them.

Mr. Churchill replied: "I certainly will."

#### Strange Battle

The Prime Minister then continued: "It is a strange and grim battle which is being fought, one in which our side has no air support because they have no aerodromes — not because they have no aeroplanes — while the other side has very little or no artillery or tanks and neither side has any means of retreat.

"It is a desperate and grim battle and I certainly will send wishes and encouragement to the men who are fighting what is undoubtedly a most important battle, which will affect the whole course of the campaign in the Mediterranean."

A member asked: "When the Prime Minister suggests the enemy have no tanks, is it to be implied that we have?"

MR. CHURCHILL: "I CERTAINLY DID NOT THINK OF FOLLOWING THE MATTER INTO THOSE CHANNELS." — REUTER.

### SUSSEX VILLAGE BOMBED

A few single aircraft flew over Britain yesterday, and one of them dropped bombs in a Sussex village which damaged several houses and caused a small number of casualties.

Bombs dropped elsewhere did little damage and no casualties are reported. — Reuter.

#### EVACUATION OF SYRIA

While Egyptian consuls in Syria have not issued official warnings it is understood that the majority of Egyptian residents in Syria and Lebanon are returning to Egypt, says Reuter from Cairo.

## THROUGH EYES OF A MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE OUTCOME of the battle for Crete is of the greatest importance to both sides. As far as we are able to judge from the news to hand the battle is going in our favour and the first of the German air-borne troops have been heavily punished, most of them being killed and captured.

The Germans, however, are reinforcing this first detachment strongly and rapidly from the air, which they can do owing to the proximity of the Greek mainland to Crete, which enables them to mass a powerful air force and troops against the defence.

The Germans are trying to support these flights of air-borne troops by others crossing the narrow sea in small boats of all kinds, bringing artillery and tanks.

These are likely to appear at night. They can make the crossing in the dark but the Germans must first establish some force close to beaches or harbours in order to cover their disembarkation.

By the use of air power they hope to drive our navy from the neighbourhood of Crete in order to effect a crossing in boats. They are not likely to succeed in this, however.

#### Two Main Attacks

It seems as if the enemy were making two main attacks in this preliminary stage of the battle, one near Candia and the other some 70 miles to the west of Suda Bay and Canea.

In addition many comparatively small parties are probably being dropped all over the country with the object of creating alarm and confusion and attacking communications.

These are not very numerous in Crete, however and that fact is likely to react more in our favour than that of the Germans, for it can be readily understood that small hostile bodies, isolated in lonely hills, and not able to get together, will be more of a nuisance than a serious menace.

#### Defence Problems

Nevertheless the air attack, first to be attempted on this grand scale, presents great difficulties for the defence because it obliges it to disperse its troops over a wide area, which may leave a vital spot insufficiently guarded where fresh hostile troops by sea or air may suddenly appear.

This kind of battle demands a great deal of thought, preparation and cooperation with all its own scattered forces as well as with the sister services on sea and in the air.

It demands a still greater quality, the power of inspiring great energy and resolution in all subordinate leaders who will have to act promptly and independently.

#### Military Study

Fortunately, in General Freyburg, V.C., we possess a leader of this type, and also the troops under him, both Greek and British, have given proof on other fields of these qualities.

As a military study this Cretan battle will be followed with tremendous interest. — Reuter.

#### ITALIANS AID SINGAPORE DEFENCE

War material captured from the Italians in the African campaigns now augment the defence of Singapore.

Pictures distributed by the local Ministry of Information show the Chinese Military Mission which recently toured Malaya inspecting a row of Italian anti-tank guns, among other armament. — Reuter.

Owing to the temporary indisposition of His Excellency the Governor, the "At Home" intended to be given by the Indian Association to-day at the Gloucester Hotel, is postponed to some future date which will be announced later.

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# Admiral Darlan Carries Vichy Across The Rubicon

## Policy Based On Fear Of A British Victory!

### GERMAN BLUFF IN FRANCE

A fresh angle on life in occupied France is given by a traveller who has just returned to Lisbon from Bordeaux.

He says the Italians and Germans apparently have little love for one another. Soldiers of the two countries never fraternise.

One never sees German and Italian officers together. If they happen to be in the same cafe a German avoids meeting the glance of an Italian so as to avoid the necessity of saluting.

The traveller was amused by the immense amount of bluff in which the Germans indulged to impress the local populace.

Frequently large convoys would roll from a town. It was said they were "going north," suggesting an invasion of Britain was imminent, but careful observers noted every time the same wagons and the old stage truck was being played.

AT THE SAME TIME 80 TO 100 MOTOR-CYCLISTS WOULD DASH OUT IN THE SAME DIRECTION AT FULL SPEED BUT SHORTLY AFTERWARDS THEY WOULD ALL RETURN. REUTER.

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

**WHEN ADMIRAL DARLAN WENT TO BERCHTESGADEN THE FRENCH CABINET CROSSED THE RUBICON. DARLAN'S POLICY IS BASED ON FEAR OF A BRITISH VICTORY AND A DESIRE TO PREVENT IT IF POSSIBLE, AND THIS IS A FACT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MUST NOW RECKON WITH.**

In the circumstances it must be expected that the British Government will not stand by idly. It has already bombed Syrian aerodromes, thereby giving effect to the principle that it must be free to pursue the German enemy wherever he is found.

If the distinction between unoccupied and occupied France is to be mere fiction — as the first meeting of the French Cabinet in Paris for instance, suggests — then no doubt the British Government will have seriously to consider extending this principle to all territories in Europe and Africa nominally under the control of the Vichy Government.

The British Government cannot be expected to be duped by fine phrases or juridical hair-splitting such as that indulged in by the Vichy Ambassador in Washington, Henri Haye, who claimed the French were forced to let the Germans use Syrian air bases under Article 18 of the Armistice terms.

## FRENCH ALLOWING E-BOATS TO PASS ALONG RHONE

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

**FURTHER EVIDENCE** has come to hand of the support which the Vichy authorities have been giving Germany. So far as military help is concerned the most recent example has been permission for the use of the lower passages of the River Rhone to pass out

**German E-boats into the Mediterranean.**

Regarding help to Germany by French industry, it is known this help has been on a very considerable scale and in some respects even more efficient than when industry worked for France.

Evidence has been received that they have been repairing German ships and submarines.

The French motor car industry, which is used to turn out aeroplane engines and ammunition, has since April 5 been collaborating in a formal agreement with the enemy.

The Renault, Citroen and Peugeot motor companies are involved in the agreement, which, it is believed, merely regularised what had already been taking place, for at least two of these firms had been producing aircraft components, motor-boats, tank parts and ammunition for Germany. It is recalled that the secretary

of the French National Economic Association, at the opening of the Paris Fair, stated that one quarter of French mechanical and electrical industries are working for Germany.

### War Supplies

In addition to this help it is known that a considerable part of all cargoes that go into Marseilles reach the Germans. It has become known that the French handed over to the Germans 10,000 tons of aluminium, 8,000 tons of magnesium, 38,000 tons of bauxite, 30,000 tons of wool and 60,000 tons of fruit. REUTER.

### "Times" Comment

The extent of French complicity in the German military operations is now attested by abundant evidence, comments the London "Times."

The newspaper adds that there does not appear to be any demand, however humiliating, which the Vichy Government in its present move can or will refuse. In everything but name Vichy has joined the Axis.

Referring to Iraq and the Arab world generally, "The Times" states that here as elsewhere Britain stands as the sole barrier to Hitler's naked imperialism and as an ally all those who prize their independence.

THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" DECLARES IT IS TRAGIC THAT THE FRENCH PEOPLE AND THE FRENCH EMPIRE SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INSATIABLE ENEMY THEY DETEST. — REUTER.

## Meaning Of Nazi Order

Foreign diplomatic representatives in Paris have been requested to proceed to the seat of the French Government at Vichy, according to the German official news agency citing a Wilhelms-trasse source.

The agency adds that Berlin political circles consider Germany has taken this step because she holds that Vichy and not Paris is the governmental centre of France.

It is stated that about 34 foreign missions are concerned, but consulates are not affected. — Reuter.

### ELECTRIC WHISKERS IN INDIA

General Berganzoli, the Italian commander who was captured in the Libyan campaign and is known by the nickname of "Electric Beard," is among the latest batch of Italian war prisoners to arrive in Bombay. They number 1,900 and include 1,100 officers, says Reuter.

### DECLARATION OF WAR DEMANDED

Senator Walsh, chairman of the U.S. Senate Naval Affairs Committee, addressing a meeting of the organisation "Americans United," declared: "Letters are now reaching the desks of members of Congress strongly urging an open declaration of war." — Reuter.

### NO DESIGN ON MARTINIQUE

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday gave an implied assurance that Martinique has no reason to fear any imminent United States action against it.

Mr. Hull described as German or pro-German inspired reports published in German-occupied France that Martinique officials had received orders to prepare for an attack by the United States.

Speaking at his press conference, Mr. Hull asserted that the situation in Martinique itself is unchanged despite increasing evidence of Franco-German collaboration in Europe.

He understood the recent "routine exercises" by the French aircraft-carrier "Bearn" and the cruiser "Emile Bertin" have not caused anxious concern in Washington that they might be preparing to dash to Europe. — Reuter.

### HARBOUR MYSTERY

The body of a well-dressed Chinese woman, aged about 30 years, was found floating some 50 yards from the shore, near Hing Fat Street, Bay View, at 7.30 a.m. to-day.

A police constable on patrol duty near the electric installation saw the body which was later picked up and removed to the Kowloon Mortuary by the Water Police.

### RAID ON CHENG TU

Sixty-eight Japanese planes raided Szechwan in four groups yesterday.

Two groups flew to Chengtu and opened machine-gun fire. A third group dropped bombs in the Chengtu suburbs, while a fourth group attacked Wanhshien. — Central News.

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# ITALIAN COLLAPSE: THOUSANDS MORE PRISONERS TAKEN

**TWO ENEMY DIVISIONS ARE TRAPPED BETWEEN THE BRITISH EMPIRE FORCES IN ABYSSINIA AND SEVERAL THOUSAND ENEMY PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S G.H.Q. COMMUNIQUE IN CAIRO.**

In the Gondar area units of the Sudan Defence Force are closely engaged with the enemy in the vicinity of Chelga.

So far over 300 Italian prisoners have been captured in the Battle of the Lakes. Operations are proceeding satisfactorily against two enemy divisions which have now been trapped between our forces advancing from the north and from the south.

West of Sciasciannina our troops successfully attacked the main enemy positions. An Italian counter-attack with tanks was repulsed and considerable damage was inflicted by our artillery on the retreating enemy.

In this action the enemy left over 100 dead on the field of battle and our captures include 600 prisoners, 10 guns and five medium tanks. Our casualties were slight.

## Over 4,000 Prisoners

Further to the south our advance guards overwhelmed a complete regiment, consisting of brigade headquarters and three colonial battalions.

Captures in this area so far amount to over 4,400 prisoners, of whom a large proportion are Italians, together with 32 guns and 14 tanks.

In Libya, there is nothing to report at Tobruk.

## Sollum Action

In the Sollum area, during the night of May 20/21, advanced elements of our mechanised troops destroyed an enemy post on Sollum Hill, knocking out three German tanks.

Our patrols in this area are continuing their vigorous aggressive activities.

In Iraq, operations in the neighbourhood of Fallujah are progressing.

In the Basra area the situation remains calm.—Reuter.

# FALANGE GAINS NEW STRENGTH

An important order signed by General Franco was published in yesterday's official Bulletin defining the powers of the President of the Political Board of Falange Party, namely, Senor Serrano Suner.

The order virtually gives him, as General Franco's representative and second-in-command, powers over the party and party appointments.

Principal object, says the preamble, is "to strengthen the party's unity, firmness and efficiency thus constituting an unbreakable political front and a powerful arm against all obstacles and resistances which may try to oppose the National Syndicalist revolution."

**FINAL RESULT OF THE RECENT CHOPPING AND CHANGING, THEREFORE, APPEARS TO BE THAT THE FALANGE PARTY'S POSITION IN THE COUNTRY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.**—REUTER.

# CANADA'S GENEROUS PLEDGE

The House of Commons yesterday cheered an announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, that Canada has pledged herself to finance the bulk of British purchases in Canada, estimated at £200,000,000 to £300,000,000.

Sir Kingsley explained that this was a very large sum in relation to Canada's resources, seeing that Canada's total budget revenues last year were under £200 millions.

The Chancellor also paid a tribute to help from the other Dominions and Colonies.

Australia and New Zealand have to meet heavy expenditure outside their own countries and are applying an increasing amount of their sterling resources towards current external war costs.

Those countries, like Canada, had increased taxation. They also had import restrictions and rationing schemes.

The Chancellor also mentioned the importance of South Africa as the world's chief gold producer and India as a source of multi-tarious supplies.—Reuter.

# TROUBLE IN FEEDING PARIS

Certain difficulties of provisioning Paris have arisen according to a Vichy announcement quoted on Ankara radio.

The announcement says that this week people have been unable to receive the meat ration. Butter and eggs were also not to be found.

Last week only 1,500 people were given rabbit meat, 200 people got chicken and 3,600 people got goat meat.

In order to meet the requirements of Parisians the seizure of livestock in villages has been decided upon.—Reuter.

## BRITAIN'S "EXPORT" DEPARTMENT

"From all we hear of what is happening over Kiel, Hamburg and Berlin our export department is doing extremely well," declared Mr. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada, speaking in connection with London's War Weapons Week. When the banks closed yesterday the total amount raised was £87,750,000. —Reuter.

# ATTEMPTED PUTSCH IN CHILE

Judicial proceedings consequent on the Nazi putsch which was nipped in the bud by the Chilean police continued in Santiago yesterday.

The judge in charge of the investigation interrogated 20 Nazis and, after the enquiry, ordered the arrest of three party leaders on charges of "an attempt against the security of the State."

As a result of statements by the detained men a fresh search was carried out of headquarters of the Nazi Party by the police, who discovered many documents and propaganda connected with the abortive putsch.—Reuter.

## LULL IN AIR RAIDS CONTINUES

For the second successive night no Nazi raiders were reported over any part of Britain up to early this morning.

Early morning ground mists on the Continent, which rise shortly before dawn, are thought to be the probable reason for the lull in the Luftwaffe's nightly visits.—Reuter.

## MR. MENZIES NOW IN NEW ZEALAND

The Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, arrived in Auckland by Clipper yesterday from San Francisco, says Reuter. He will confer on war matters with the Acting New Zealand Premier, Mr. Nash, to-day.—Reuter.

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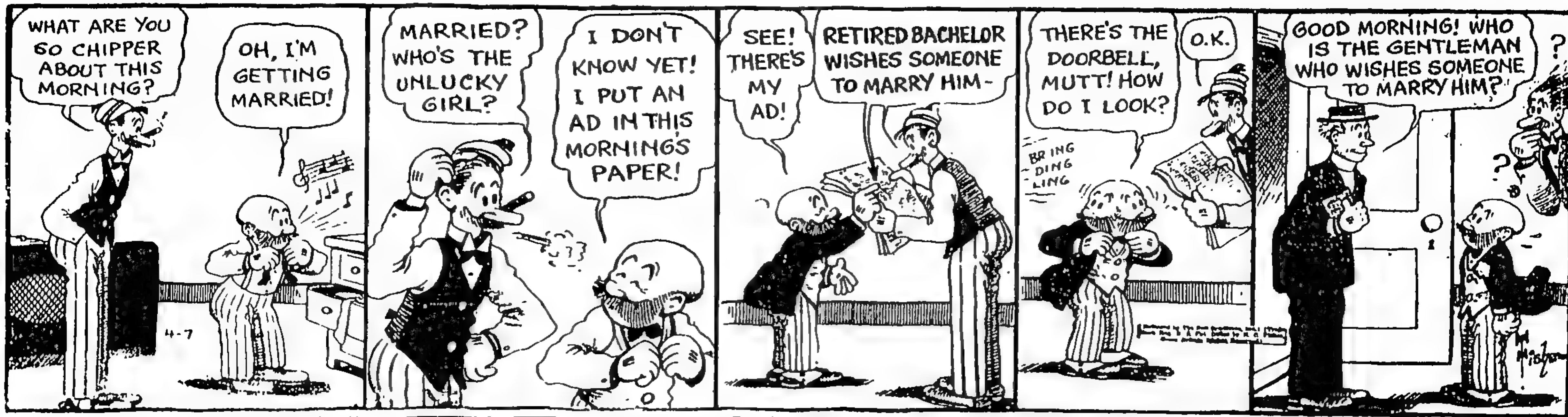
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By BUD FISHER



CREWS OF SCUTTLED SHIPS EXPELLED

Officers and crews of the scuttled Axis vessels "Fella" and "Eisenach" were expelled yesterday morning to Panama by the Costa Rican vessel "Stella Maris" for the purpose of transfer homeward by Japanese steamer via the Far East. Reuter.

ADMIRAL OPENLY DEMANDS ACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
"THE BATTLE of the Atlantic is being lost and collapse of the British Empire is inevitable unless the United States increases its replacements of the alarming shipping losses."

This warning opinion was delivered in Shanghai yesterday by Admiral William Glassford, commander of the U.S. Yangtse Patrol. He was speaking at an American Maritime Day banquet.

Admiral Glassford declared: "If the war is to be won England must be saved by rescue from across the Atlantic and that means ship and more ships and it need be men to fight on the field of battle."

HINTING THAT HE FAVOURS SOME FORM OF CONVOY SYSTEM, ADMIRAL GLASSFORD SAID PROTECTION MUST BE GIVEN SHIPS OR "DEFEAT STARES NOT ONLY THE ALLIES BUT OURSELVES IN THE FACE."

He predicted that a British defeat would start "such an economic warfare that will dwarf anything ever before experienced in our history."

Admiral Glassford concluded by saying it was possible to "almost date a disastrous conclusion to the war unless something more than is being done is done about it." International News Service.

No Doubt

Reuter quotes Admiral Glassford as saying: "The Battle of the Atlantic at this moment is being lost. There is no doubt whatever about it. I mean just what I say, that the Battle of the Atlantic is being lost."

"It is a losing fight for the reason that Allied ships are being sunk at an alarming rate and much faster than they can be replaced."

"At present we deliver our war supplies to the Allies, especially Britain, at New York. We have made no guarantee of delivery at Liverpool."

"If it is not evident to-day it will be in the very near future that this is not enough. There is not the slightest doubt of it."

"There is only one thing that can be done and that is to see to it that ships get safely across the Atlantic."

Effective Solution

"There is much agitation at home for the escort of ships in convoy. That is certainly one real and deadly effective solution."

"It is absurd to imagine it is possible to tolerate continuance of a situation in which sinkings are far in excess of replenishment by any means whatever if we intend to win this war."—Reuter.

BERLIN AND THE ZAMZAM

THE REPORT THAT THE CREW AND PASSENGERS OF THE SUNKEN EGYPTIAN MEDICAL SHIP "ZAMZAM" WILL BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED FROM FRANCE CANNOT BE CONFIRMED IN BERLIN, DECLARED THE SPOKESMAN OF THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE QUOTED BY THE OFFICIAL NAZI NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The spokesman added that in view of the fact the majority of the persons concerned are without personal papers, particulars of each person must be ascertained.

Missionaries and nurses whose identity is satisfactorily established will be passed without difficulty, the spokesman asserted.—Reuter.

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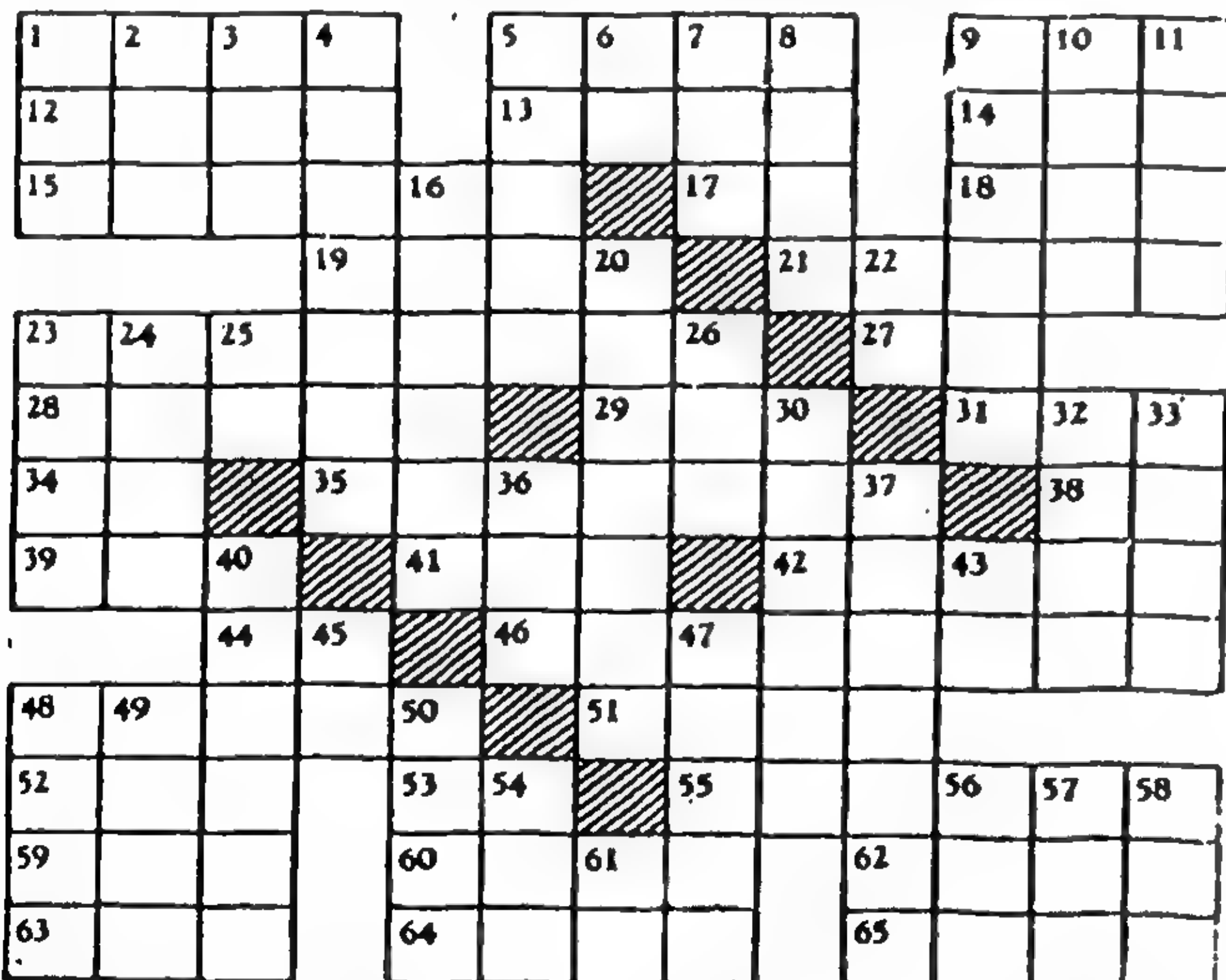
Several traffic offenders appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Mrs. F. H. Loseby, No. 3, Chatham Road, summoned for driving private car No. 4100 on the wrong side of the road, was fined \$5.

Mr. R. S. Angel, No. 158, Argyle Street, who pleaded guilty to driving at an excessive speed in the Nathan Road controlled area, was cautioned.

Mr. P. V. Reveley, No. 160, Argyle Street, summoned for speeding, pleaded not guilty. He admitted driving at about 21 m.p.h. and was also cautioned.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Departed
- 5 Respiratory organ
- 9 Forest tree
- 12 Sandarac tree
- 13 Armadillo
- 14 To petition
- 15 Imagined
- 17 Italian river
- 18 Music: three
- 19 Fresh-water porpoise
- 21 Open-woven material
- 23 Fury
- 27 Preposition
- 28 South American mountain range
- 29 Lettuce genus
- 31 To obtain with difficulty
- 34 Pronoun
- 35 Deprives
- 36 Symbol for iridium
- 39 To bow
- 41 Scoundrel
- 42 Projecting edges of a roof
- 44 Babylonian deity
- 46 Containing denial
- 48 To bring

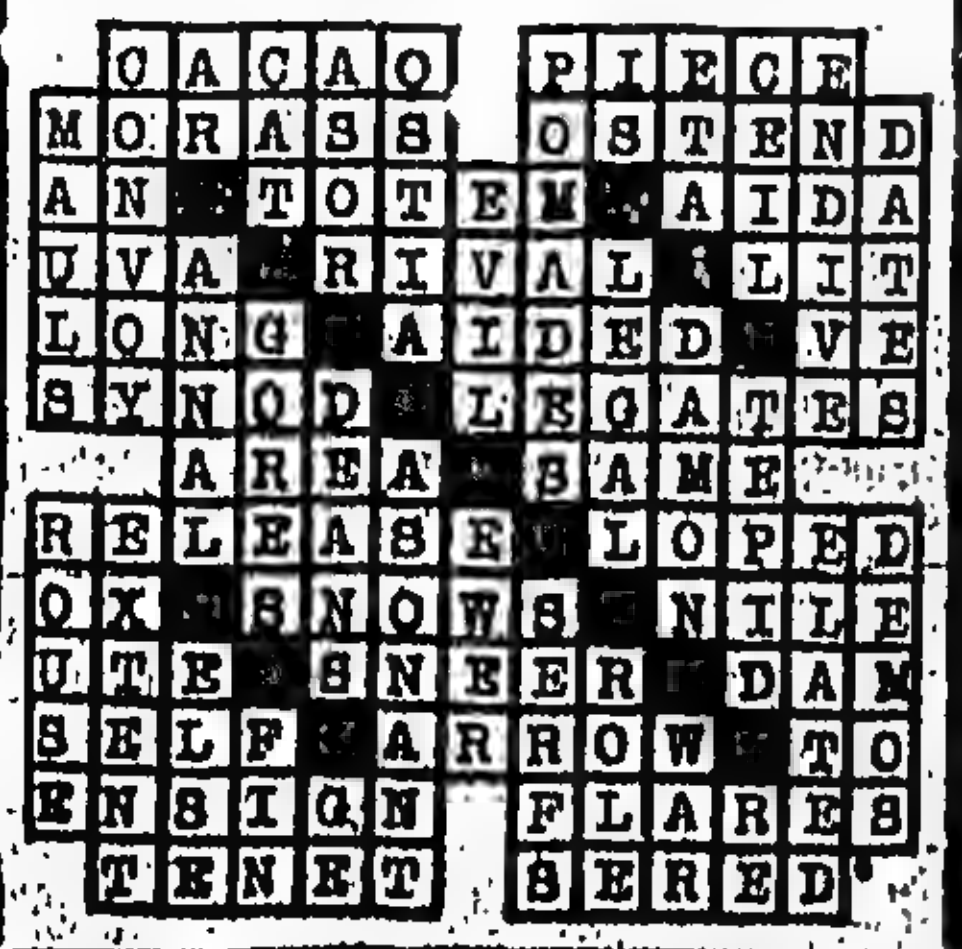
VERTICAL

- 1 Compact mass
- 2 To be mistaken
- 3 Scotch for "no"
- 4 Traced
- 5 Ancient language
- 6 Preposition
- 7 To sleep

8 Intoxicating drink

- 9 Clever
- 10 Egyptian seaport
- 11 This place
- 16 Pertaining to memory
- 20 Agreed
- 22 River in Livonia
- 23 Concealed
- 24 Preposition
- 25 Hypothetical force
- 26 Dawn goddess
- 30 Purlious
- 32 Russian cathedral city
- 33 Gaelic
- 36 Moving-truck
- 37 To content
- 40 To discover
- 43 Six
- 45 Symbol for actinium
- 47 Celtic Highlanders
- 48 To skid
- 49 Ireland
- 50 Aspiration
- 54 To knock
- 56 Bitter vetch
- 57 Born
- 58 Poetic: always
- 61 Butterflying

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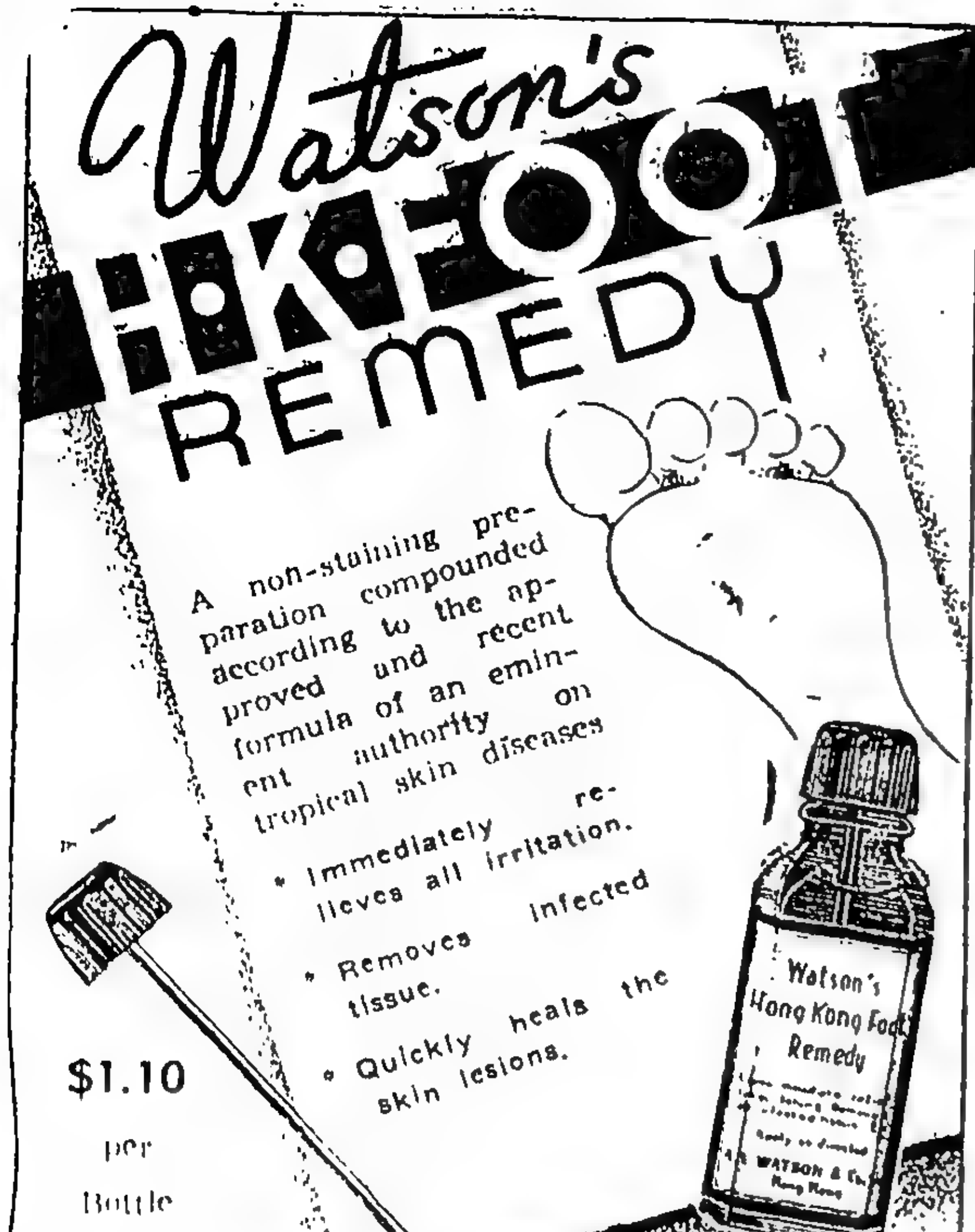


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## DROPPING EVERY FEW MILES The Official Account

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It must be borne in mind that this great battle was made up of squadron attacks followed by numbers of personal combats, all taking place more or less at the same time above this wide area. Squadrons, flying in pairs or wings of three units, went into action in formation against an enemy similarly disposed. After the first attack, delivered as often as possible out of the sun, they broke up and individual duels took place all over the sky.

Certain of the more striking incidents may be briefly recorded. There were dive attacks carried out by one squadron of Spitfires which twice passed through an enemy bomber formation, each time delivering beam attacks as they did so. These tactics threw the enemy into extreme confusion. Bombers flew on almost blindly, aircraft dropping in flames or in uncontrolled dives with every few miles of the return journey. From one such aircraft, of which the cowl and cabin top blew off, its crew baled out, all except the rear-gunner, who was seen to be hanging from the lower escape hatch until his aircraft dove into a wood ten miles East of Canterbury.

Then there was a pilot who twice attacked an Me.109 which each time strove to escape in an almost vertical dive. The first of these, from 20,000 ft., was successful for the German pilot straightened out, but only to find that the British pilot had followed him down and was close upon him. "By that time" said the British pilot, "I was going faster than the enemy aircraft and I continued firing until I had to pull away to the right to avoid a collision." His burst of fire had taken effect, for the German never recovered but plunged down until he entered a cloud about 6,000 ft. below, when the British pilot had to recover from the dive as his aircraft was going at approximately 480 miles per hour. "I then made my way through the cloud at a reasonable speed," he reported "and saw the wreckage of the enemy aircraft burning furiously. . . . I sky-climbed through the cloud and narrowly missed colliding with a Ju.88 which was on fire and being attacked by numerous Hurricanes."

There was also the Dornier which crashed just outside Victoria Station. Members of its crew landed by parachute on Kennington Oval, while the Hurricane pilot, who had shot it down and whose aircraft had gone into an uncontrollable spin when the enemy blew up beneath him, landed safely in Chelsea. Nevertheless, the Yellow-nosed Squadrons, the elite of the German Air Force, acquitted themselves bravely and showed greater skill than their less well trained comrades. It was observed that they usually attacked in pairs, disposed in line astern some 75 yds. apart.

Occasionally, fire at long range proved effective. Close range combat was the rule, but it is recorded that a Hurricane pilot fired at enemy aircraft, moving faster than his own and about to get out of range, and hit it at 800 yds. This caused it to slow up and his second burst was fired from 600 yds. Eventually, he finished it off at 25 yds. Another Hurricane pilot who had broken off the fight because the cooling system of the engine of his aircraft was giving trouble and who was therefore returning to the base, encountered a lone Me.109 which he stalked out of the sun and shot down from 500 yds.

At this stage in the fight, it became clear that the enemy bomber pilot felt themselves to be no match for the British. It was generally observed that, as soon as contact was established, they jettisoned their bombs, then broke formation and turned at once for their base. Thus twenty Dornier 215s were encountered above London Docks flying in diamond formation, escorted by Me.109s, "stepped up" to 22,000 ft. The

bombers were broken up by a level quarter attack and this enabled our intercepting squadron to pursue them relentlessly and shoot down most of them.

Occasionally, in this confused and struggling fight, British squadrons found themselves temporarily outnumbering the enemy. Thus, at 12.15 p.m. a mixed force of Hurricanes and Spitfires, amounting to the greater part of five squadrons, was over the South of the Thames, somewhere near Hammersmith. Here they encountered an inferior number of enemy aircraft and did terrible execution.

But it was seldom that we had the advantage in numbers. The enemy, however, seemed unable to profit by his numerical superiority. A single Hurricane, for example, encountered twelve Yellow-nosed Messerschmidts flying straight at it. The pilot dived under them but swooped upwards and shot down the rear aircraft from directly underneath. As he still had plenty of speed, the British pilot half rolled off at the top of his loop and followed the enemy formation which had not apparently perceived the fate of their comrade in the rear rank. The British pilot accordingly destroyed another enemy aircraft from the rear and damaged a second before the Germans became aware of what was happening and he was forced, being still in numerical inferiority of nine to one, to break off action.

The fight was all over by 12.30 p.m. and, by that time the citizens of London and South East England were sitting down to their Sunday dinner, the enemy were in full flight to their bases in Northern France. One of those citizens had special cause to rejoice in the result of the fighting. The Prime Minister had spent the morning in one of the Operations Rooms of No. 11 Group. It was observed that for once his cigar remained unlit as he followed the swift changes of battle depicted on the table map before him.

Some of the enemy had for a brief moment succeeded in penetrating into the centre of the Capital, but they dropped only few bombs. The fire was too hot, the defence too strong. 70 of the estimated 250 aircraft in the attack, equalling 28 per cent, were seen to crash that morning. 10 more were considered probably to have been destroyed and 28 were observed by our pilots to break off action in a damaged condition. These figures, compiled immediately after the fight and in accordance with the very strict rules applied by the Royal Air Force to pilot's reports, probably underestimate the casualties they inflicted. Even so, the Luftwaffe lost slightly over 43 per cent of the aircraft used in this morning attack.

Despite the sound and fury of battle that sunny autumn day, citizens of London had their Sunday dinner in peace. A lull ensued for about 1½ hours. Then, shortly after 2 p.m., fresh enemy forces returned to the attack in about the same strength as had been employed that morning. German aircraft crossed the coast near Dover in two waves, first of 150, second of 100. These formations spread over South East and South West Kent and over Maidstone.

Before they could proceed further, they were intercepted by fighters of the Royal Air Force. 21 squadrons were sent into the air and 21 squadrons made contact with the enemy. This time the numbers on each side were fairly equal and the fighting superiority of the British force was immediately established. Our fighters tore into the enemy's formations, ripping through them like a knife through calico. That was how it sounded from the ground. So determined was the British defence, so effective these tactics, that the German formations were again instantly broken up. This was an opportunity for each pilot to single out an adversary and, in a few moments, the sky was again a

battlefield. In all that space, from the Thames Estuary to Dover, from London to the Coast, dog-fights were soon in furious progress. Squadrons were swiftly scattered, so that two which took off together from their base might, 15 minutes later, be fighting 50 miles apart.

There was nothing haphazard about this interception of the enemy. It was only possible, on such a scale and in so effective a manner, because every detail had been planned and tested in the fighting of the previous months. So, as reports came through of the German approach, we were able to despatch from correct tactical points, enough squadrons to achieve complete interception and best results, without dissipating our forces. The general principle applied in coping with earlier assaults having proved so successful, it was put into effect in this second great attack. Certain squadrons were detailed to deal with the enemy screen of high flying fighters halfway between London and the coast. This enabled others to attack bomber formations and their close escort, before they reached the line of fighter aerodromes, East and South of London. Those of the enemy who succeeded in penetrating these defences—some 70 or so—were tackled by squadrons of Hurricanes, mostly from Nos. 10 and 12 Groups who came into action over the Capital itself. They also pursued stragglers. As in the morning's fighting, some 200 individual combats took place and, although no two were quite alike, the general pattern was the same.

"I engaged the enemy in formation causing them to scatter in all directions" ran the report of one pilot; "we sighted a strong formation of enemy aircraft" wrote another "and carried out a head on attack. The enemy scattered, jettisoned their bombs and turned for home. We encountered heavy cannon fire. . . . The reports are lucid: 'The whole of the nose, including the pilot's cockpit, was shot away. . . . 'Saw tracer flying past my left wing and saw Me.109 attack me. . . . 'I saw his perspex burst and the enemy aircraft spun down. . . . 'I did not consider it worthwhile to waste any more ammunition upon it. . . . 'I then looked for more trouble and saw a He.111. I attacked and closed to about 10 ft. . . . 'I gave him everything I had. . . . 'My aircraft became uncontrollable. I baled out, coming down with my left arm paralysed (afterwards I learned it was dislocated).

As in the morning a single British aircraft, in this case a Hurricane, piloted by a Group Captain, encountered a large formation of German aircraft, both fighters and bombers, and went into the attack alone.

"There were," he said on his return, "no other British fighters in sight, so I made a head-on attack on the first section of bombers, opening at 600 yds. and closing to 200 yds." After describing how all alone he broke up the enemy formation, the Group Captain adds: "I made further attacks on the retreating bombers, each attack from climbing beam. . . . one Dornier left formation and lost height. With no ammunition left, I could not finish it off. I last saw the bomber at 3,000 ft. dropping slowly."

So it appears that each pilot had his own swift decisions to make, his own problems to meet. He was not found wanting. While the fight lasted, the Germans were destroyed at the rate of about two aircraft per minute. That afternoon's attack cost them 97 destroyed. In the entire day we lost 25 aircraft, but 14 pilots were saved.

Such was a typical day's fighting in a battle which lasted for nearly three months over the south of England.

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## FRANCE IN THE NOOSE

As soon as German troops crossed the Mediterranean to North Africa, it was all too apparent that the screws of the Nazi pressure machine would soon be tightened on France. Since the dismissal of M. Laval last December there had been a lull in the negotiations for "collaboration" between the victors and the vanquished. The French were left to stew in their misery while the wounds inflicted by the conqueror — the partition of the country, the separation of families, the economic bleeding — had time to fester and reduce resistance. Meantime there has been no lull in the propaganda for French adherence to the New Order, no let-up in the systematic drain on French resources, no pause in the activities of the Gestapo, no lightening of the load of fantastic occupation charges.

For a time, Vichy was made to believe that the Nazi overlords would talk to no one but Laval. But now, as Hitler prepares to strike in the Near East, Admiral Darlan has been recognised as an acceptable negotiator. More, the new Quisling has obtained concessions Laval was never able to produce — a reduction by one-fourth of the occupation costs, a relaxation of the ban on communication between the occupied and unoccupied zones. Conversations continue on wider problems that concern not only the status of France and her internal situation but her attitude in a conflict that once more moves toward French territory as inexorably as it did this time a year ago.

The quid pro quo exacted of the French is not reported, probably because it would not make the nicest reading, possibly because all the sordid details are not yet agreed upon. But Germany does not give something for nothing. Hitler's price is always high, and for "equal partnership" in the new Europe and the new Africa — the phrase now is "Eurafica" — undoubtedly he has demanded active French co-operation against the British and undoubtedly Admiral Darlan is ready to lick his boots. To gain his end, at last become urgent, Hitler may have to do without the moral prestige of Petain; committed on the honour of a Marshal of France not to use the army, the fleet, or any part of French ter-



JAPANESE GYMNASTICS

# Behind British Aeroplanes

Spitfires — the British Fighting planes which are the great toe of the Nazi bomber — are being made largely through the efforts of British women workers.

In a factory stretching for miles, thousands of men and women work at row after row of machines of all sorts, shapes, and sizes, turning out and assembling latest huge presses and monster metal stretching devices.

More than a third of these many hundreds of machine tools, mechanical marvels which are the real story behind the story of the aircraft which they make possible, are American.

In fact, the proportion of American equipment including tools and jigs of all sorts, is more than 50 per cent in certain blocs or units of this particular factory and the proportion is constantly increasing as shipments of more machines continue to arrive from the United States.

A surprisingly large number of these machines are operated by women. Although some machines and mechanical devices appear to be no more formidable than a small electric sewing machine, others are towering masses of steel which hiss and roar and thump alarmingly as they simmer out metal parts to be used in the production of planes.

ritory to attack his former ally. It goes without saying that the Germans have power to install their own men in Vichy as they have done in Paris. Everything now points to an imminent showdown between a Germany still hesitant to draw the noose to the limit and a France still possessing a few last cards to play. Marshal Petain and General Weygand face a decision as desperate as the choice they made when their armies were routed and the Republic fell.

The view of young girls in flowered print aprons operating such sizzling, thundering metal monsters struck me as the most significant sight in the entire factory — the biggest aircraft factory in the world.

At present about 40 per cent of the workers in this Spitfire factory are women. But within a few weeks or months at most it is expected the proportion of women will be nearer 80 per cent.

American methods of manufacture have made this possible. The British Government have adapted American mass-production methods to this Spitfire production factory.

The result is a factory remarkably well suited to the production of such an intricate weapon as a high-speed fighter aeroplane which must be at the same time delicate of mechanism and an extremely robust article, capable of being turned out in large numbers in a short space of time.

There is a great deal of specialisation so that each worker has her or his particular operation to perform. It might be putting rivets in a frame of a Spitfire wing or it might be a more complex operation such as sewing fabric on wing and tail control flaps.

A great deal of the riveting is done by women. The plant manager says that women often make much better riveters than men. Asked why, he said he didn't know, except that they often seemed to be able to use their hands more quickly and cleverly, and also pointed out that most metal used was a relatively light aluminium alloy and not heavy steel.

The wages paid to these women workers in the Spitfire plant vary considerably. They may start at £3 a week for beginners learning a trade or for those doing the simplest type of work. Earnings of experienced women workers average about £6 weekly and rise as high as £8 or more in a few exceptional cases. Women, like the men, work 11 hours a day. For Sunday work they are paid double time.

The factory is operating on a 24-hour basis, although the night shift isn't quite so long as the day. Wage rates for men are slightly higher in most cases than those for women, and skilled aircraft workmen may easily earn

up to £15 a week on a piece-work basis.

Despite long working hours the work was obviously excellent among both men and women workers. Seeing that a large number of workers, particularly women, were wearing a pin in the shape of a miniature Spitfire, I questioned one, saying I supposed it was a badge given to workers in the factory. "Oh, no," she replied, "it is just a pin we get for contributing to our factory's Spitfire fund."

Another woman worker whom I questioned admitted she found the work hard and long hours difficult, but said, "The work has got to be done and somebody's got to do it, so why shouldn't we? It is worth it if it helps win; and if we don't win, life wouldn't be worth while, so I guess that's all there is to it."

One significant new development observed in the factory was the fact that the air raid shelters, normally outside, are now to a large extent being moved right inside the factory itself. Many of the most intricate processes and the most important machines now have their own shelter built round them.

Nevertheless, considerable time is lost each week through air raids and air raid warnings, especially during night shifts. One method of beating the bomber that is being used extensively is dispersal. Not only are factories, widely scattered but a large number of machines formerly concentrated into this particular factory, have been removed and are now doing the same work elsewhere. The parts they produce are then brought to the factory for assembling into a finished Spitfire. Although the rate of production naturally remains secret, after seeing every stage in the manufacture from the arrival of raw material to the test flight of a completed plane, equipped with its cannon, it is possible to state with confidence that Britain's Spitfires are being produced in big enough quantities to give an uncomfortably warm reception to a much larger force of Heinkels or Messerschmitts than has so far attempted a daylight air attack on Britain.

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# Battle Worthy Of H. G. Wells Fantasy Rages Nightlong

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

THE BATTLE OF CRETE PRESENTS AN AMAZING SIGHT, LIKE A FANTASY BY H. G. WELLS, WITH THE SKY AROUND SUDA BAY FULL OF STRANGE AIRCRAFT, DRUNKENLY SWAYING PARACHUTES, AND ENEMY PLANES FILLED WITH TROOPS CRASH-LANDING IN A RESTRICTED AREA.

The wreckage of crashed Nazi aeroplanes is quickly cleared away by hard-worked German ground staffs, making way for a continual flow of air traffic, while other troop-carriers remain on the ground, with engines running only long enough to disembark their troops, before taking off again for Greece to load up with another cargo of troops.

OPERATIONS CONTINUED ALL NIGHT, WITH THE SKY LIT UP BY PARACHUTE FLARES, TRACER SHELLS AND THE NAVY'S SEARCHLIGHTS PICKING UP PARACHUTES FLOATING TO EARTH, MANY OF THEM DEAD BY THE TIME THEY TOUCHED THE GROUND BECAUSE THEY FORM EXCELLENT TARGETS FOR THE BRITISH GROUND FORCES.

Exciting man-hunts among ravines and woods are in progress all over eastern Crete between Nazi parachutists and Cretan bands led by "captains of the hills," chiefly armed with foot-long knives and pistols.

When Italy invaded Greece, Cretan hillwomen of Lassithi Plain, where Zeus is reputed to have been born in a deep cave, and descended from the ancient Minoans, petitioned the King of the Hellenes to be allowed to form a women's regiment to fight for Greece.

## Women Stalkers

Their desire has now been granted and armed stalwart Cretan women, famed for their beauty, now mount guard over their homes and stalk Nazi parachutists.

In the confusion of one of the hardest fought battles of the war it is impossible to estimate casualties to date, say military circles in Cairo.

Such things as lines of communication and supply, and rear or forward positions, do not, for the most part, exist.

Staff headquarters themselves are in the front line and auxiliary units participate equally with infantry in actual fighting.

## Like Confetti

It has become a question of every man for himself, since parachutists started dropping like confetti from the clear skies, sometimes in the middle of the Imperial positions, and every man has been warned he must be prepared suddenly to find a Nazi at his elbow and to deal promptly with him.

It is becoming evident that Hitler is staking his utmost resources and all the ingenuity of his much advertised theories of military invasion from the air in this attempt to capture Crete, which is now one of the Allies' most important military and naval bases in the eastern Mediterranean.

## Hitler's Stake

General opinion is that it will constitute a severe defeat morally and materially for Hitler if he fails in his objective.

One part of the scheme, a simultaneous invasion by sea with the use of small, fast boats filled with troops, has for the moment been thwarted by the Royal Navy, and although the full force of the Luftwaffe's dive-bombers, troop-carriers and fighters is being employed, the R.A.F. and ground defences already have shot down a number of dive-bombers.

In the meantime the Imperial troops, aided by Greeks and hillmen, have turned into guerrillas and up to date have succeeded in keeping the situation well in hand, despite the suddenness and novelty of the attack.

## Casualties High

Enemy casualties have undoubtedly been high, as many Germans were killed even before

they were able to get the smell of battle when heavily laden troop-carriers attempted to land on the crowded aerodrome at Maleme, which was already pitted by bombs.

The German attack is directed at the most populated area of Crete, between Heraklion and Cana. These places are connected by a good motor road running between wooded mountains and offering good concealment for parachutists.

## Maleme Concentration

Main body of air-borne troops landed at Maleme, which, at the time, possessed a serviceable aerodrome for troop-carriers and was well suited for launching an attack against the naval base in Suda Bay, the approaches to which from north and east are shielded by high hills.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE ALMOST ABLE TO REACH THEIR OBJECTIVE IN THIS AREA BEFORE BEING SPOTTED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE GROUND DEFENCES, BECAUSE A KNIFE EDGE RANGE OF MOUNTAINS FORMS THE IMMEDIATE BACKGROUND OF SUDA BAY.

The Germans are operating a 24-hour air ferry service between Greece and Crete which the R.A.F. is doing its best to upset by bombing enemy air bases in Greece.—Reuter.

## Hand-To-Hand Fighting (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Fighting bitter hand-to-hand battles in a score of rugged mountain areas against a foe whose forces are ceaselessly replenished from the skies, British and Anzac troops are holding their own in Crete.

Wild confusion prevailed in many battles as German parachutists, dropping into deadly British fire, confronted the Anzacs in copies of the defenders' uniforms.

Serious losses have been inflicted on the enemy at all points and the struggle is consistently growing in intensity as more reinforcements are rushed to Crete, with Germans flocking in via parachutes, gliders, troop transport planes and, occasionally, small ships.

Many were picked off while floating to earth and many planes were shot down but still they came to fill up the depleted ranks and came to grips with the British on fronts which sprang up wherever the Nazis appeared.—International News Service.

## COMMUNAL RIOTS IN BOMBAY

Hindu-Muslim riots broke out again in Bombay city last night, and hitherto over 20 have been taken to hospital.

The police fired on a riotous mob in one place. It is not yet known what the casualties were as result of the firing.—Reuter.

## R.A.F. HITS HARD AT SOURCE

A heavy and successful attack was made by the R.A.F. on German-occupied aerodromes in Greece during the night of Tuesday/Wednesday, says yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

At Eleusis, bombs were seen to burst among aircraft on the ground and a fire was started.

At Meridi the results were not observed.

At Malaoi, several large explosions were observed, while at Topolia two fires were started.

In Libya, R.A.F. fighters and South African planes successfully attacked motor transport convoys in the Capuzzo area. Many lorries were destroyed and others damaged.

Other aircraft bombed a camp and gun positions in the same area.

During the previous night targets near Barge were bombed.

In Abyssinia, Free French aircraft bombed and gunned enemy troops on the road near Chelga.—Reuter.

## FIGHTER 'PLANES RETIRE From Crete

The British commanders in Crete have decided to withdraw British fighter aircraft from Crete, in view of the poor-ness and small number of aerodromes there.

This was revealed by a British Air Ministry official during an interview in London yesterday.

It was impossible, he said, to develop satisfactory fighter defence from a few comparatively ill-equipped aerodromes if these are subjected to high-scale enemy air attack.

Offensive air operations by British bombers based in Egypt are, however, being carried out against aerodromes from which the enemy are making these attacks.—Reuter.

## GERMAN TACTICS

It is understood in Cairo that the German tactics in attempting to land on Crete from the sea consisted of sending fairly small vessels containing landing parties, unescorted by naval forces, across the comparatively narrow strip of sea between Crete and southern Greece, says Reuter.



**THE DEFENCE CALLED Dr. J. W. Anderson to give evidence at the Supreme Court this morning, when the trial of Walter Harold Powlesland Chattey, Captain, 1st Bn. the Middlesex Regiment, was resumed before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.**

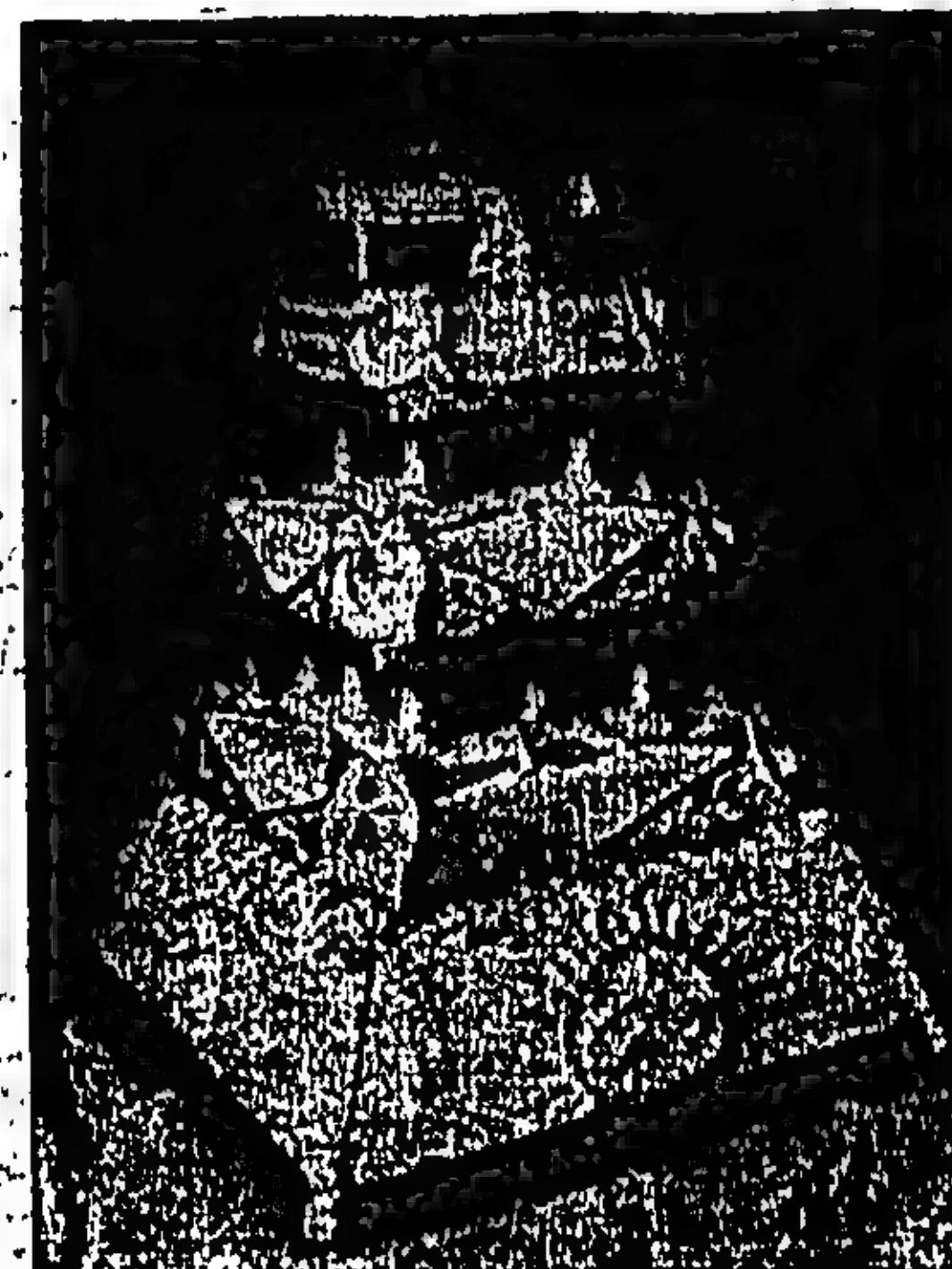
These blank periods, how long do they last?—They may last

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## SOLDIER ON GRAVE CHARGE

As a result of a fatal traffic accident in Sai Kung Road, Kowloon City, on Sunday, Private T. P. Durben, Royal Army Service Corps, was charged with manslaughter of a woman. He appeared before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning.

# BRIDGE NOTES

## CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 44

### By The Four Aces

It's hard to believe that an experienced player could commit the Bridge atrocity about to be described but we saw it happen with our own eyes.

North, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH			
♠ 6 2	♥ A 8 7 2	♦ A 7 3	♣ K Q 10 7
WEST			
♠ Q J 10 6	♥ Q J 10	♦ Q 8 4	♣ A 8 4
EAST			
♠ 9 4	♥ 9 5	♦ K 10 9 6 2	♣ J 8 6 3
SOUTH			
♠ A K 8 7 3	♥ K 6 4 3	♦ J 5	♣ 5 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. A low trump

was then led to

South's King, and

a low club returned

towards dummy.

West stepped up

with the club Ace,

crashed the Jack

of hearts, and led

a low diamond.

From that point on,

Declarer could not win

ten tricks. He won

two clubs, two spades,

one diamond, two high

trumps, and one

low ruff in each hand.

We think you've already spotted

both crime and criminal in this

hand. If not, take a good look

before reading on.

South was the criminal for

leading a second round of trumps

before starting the clubs. Correct

play is to win the first trick with

the heart King and lead a low

club. If West takes the club Ace

and returns another trump,

dummy wins and starts the spades

at once. That line of play allows

Declarer to make three tricks

with low trumps, and a long

spade is brought in for an eleventh

trick.

The opening lead should have

warned South that the defenders

intended to draw trumps; and if

it was a good idea for them, it

couldn't also be a good thing for

him to help their plan along.

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Yesterday you were Howard

Schenken's partner and, non-

vulnerable against vulnerable

opponents, you held:

♠ K J 9 7

♥ A J 4

♦ K 10 5 3

♣ A 10

The bidding:

Major	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. The bidding is

certain to continue, so there is no

need for you to pounce on the

opponents at this point. There is

little wisdom in doubling three

spades when you can wait for a

sure double of an even higher

contract.

Score 100% for pass, 20% for

double.

## Question No. 723

To-day you hold the same hand,

but the bidding is different:

Major	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	(?)		

What do you bid?

(Answer To-morrow.)  
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## TO LOITER IN GAOL

An alleged loiterer, Chu Kwai-sang, 36, who was arrested by Mr. A. E. G. Guest, No. 4, Embankment Road, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Accused was arrested whilst attempting to climb over a wall of a house in Duke Street at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.



No matter how elastic a man makes the family budget he'll find it stretched beyond his reach.

## CONTENTION IN RICE CASE

That the regulations, under which the prices of rice were fixed by Government, were incapable of correct interpretation was one of the grounds submitted by Mr. F. G. Nigel, on behalf of four merchant, who this morning applied for rehearing of their case before Mr. H. C. Macnamara, at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Mr. Nigel contended that, according to the regulation, only Burmese rice prices were under control and that he could produce evidence that the rice sold by his clients was not a Burmese product.

Mr. Nigel said that a case with some bearing on the application would come before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., next Thursday, and he requested an adjournment, which was granted.

## U.S. MAY SEND A SPECIAL SHIP

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The United States Government is considering the despatch of a special ship to bring home the 140 American women and children taken to France after a Nazi raider sank the "Zanussi" in the South Atlantic.

Final decision on sending a ship will be deferred pending receipt of full details from the American consul in Bordeaux on the best method of transportation. — International News Service.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"The people downstairs are complaining about the noisy party up here!"

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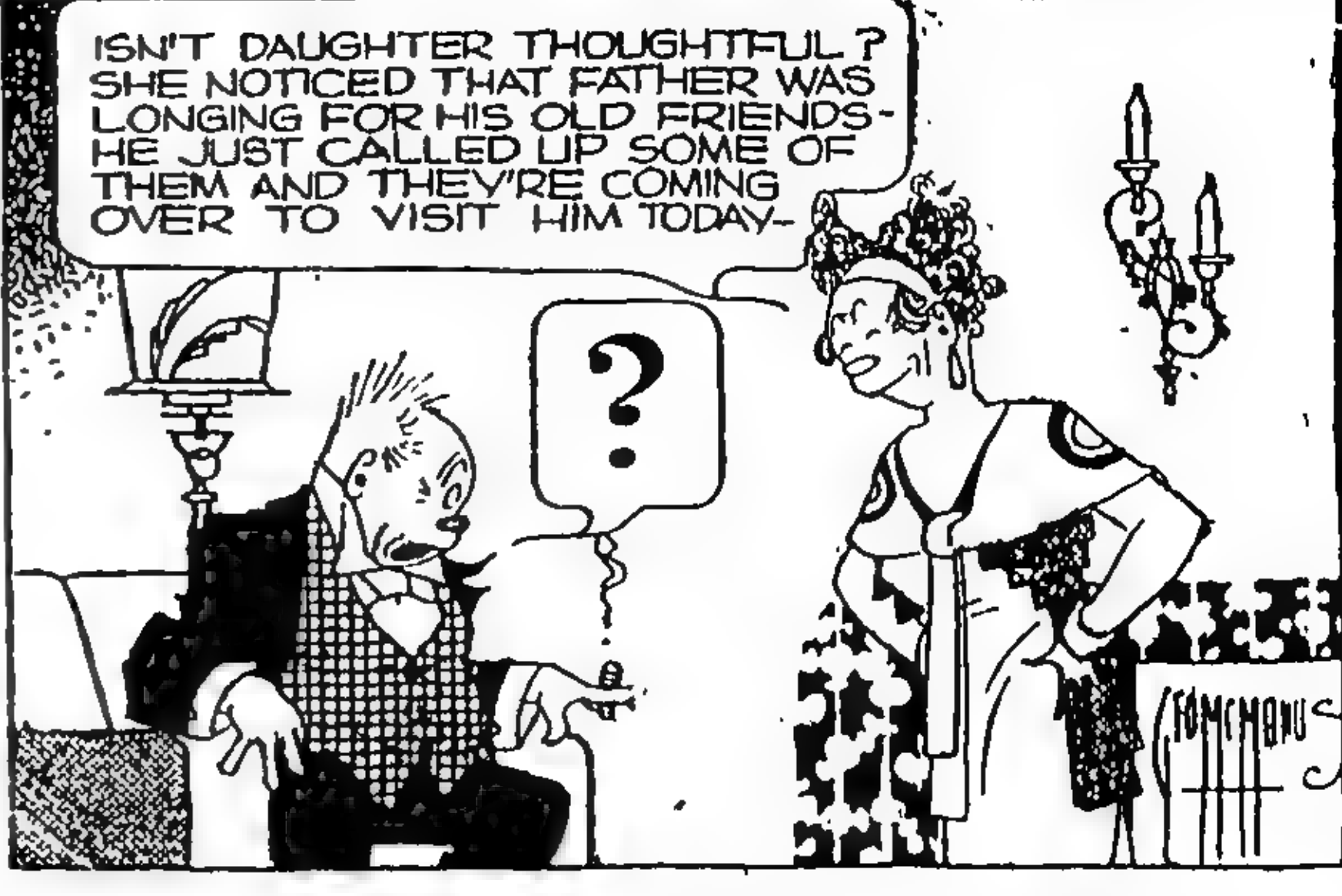
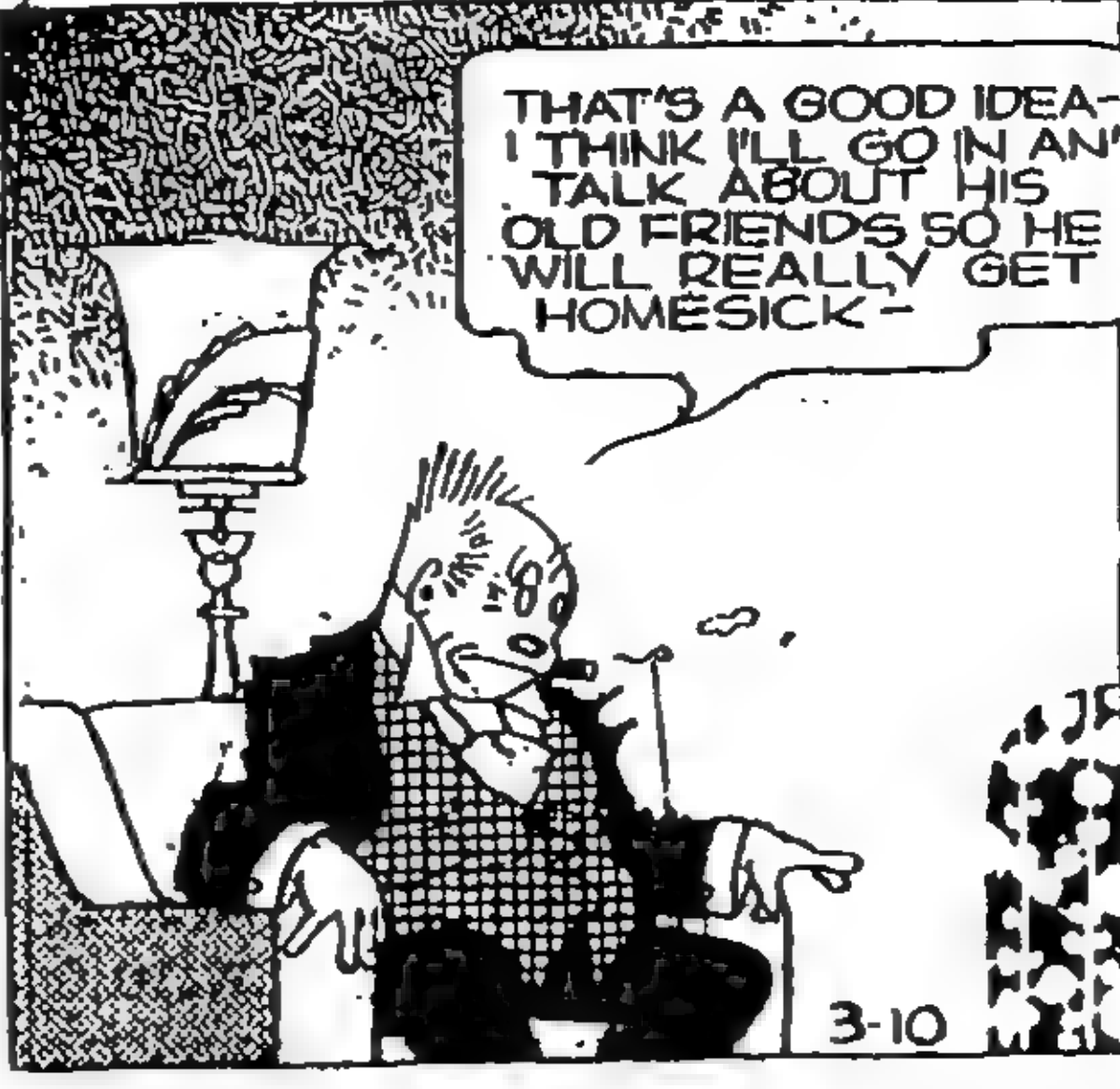
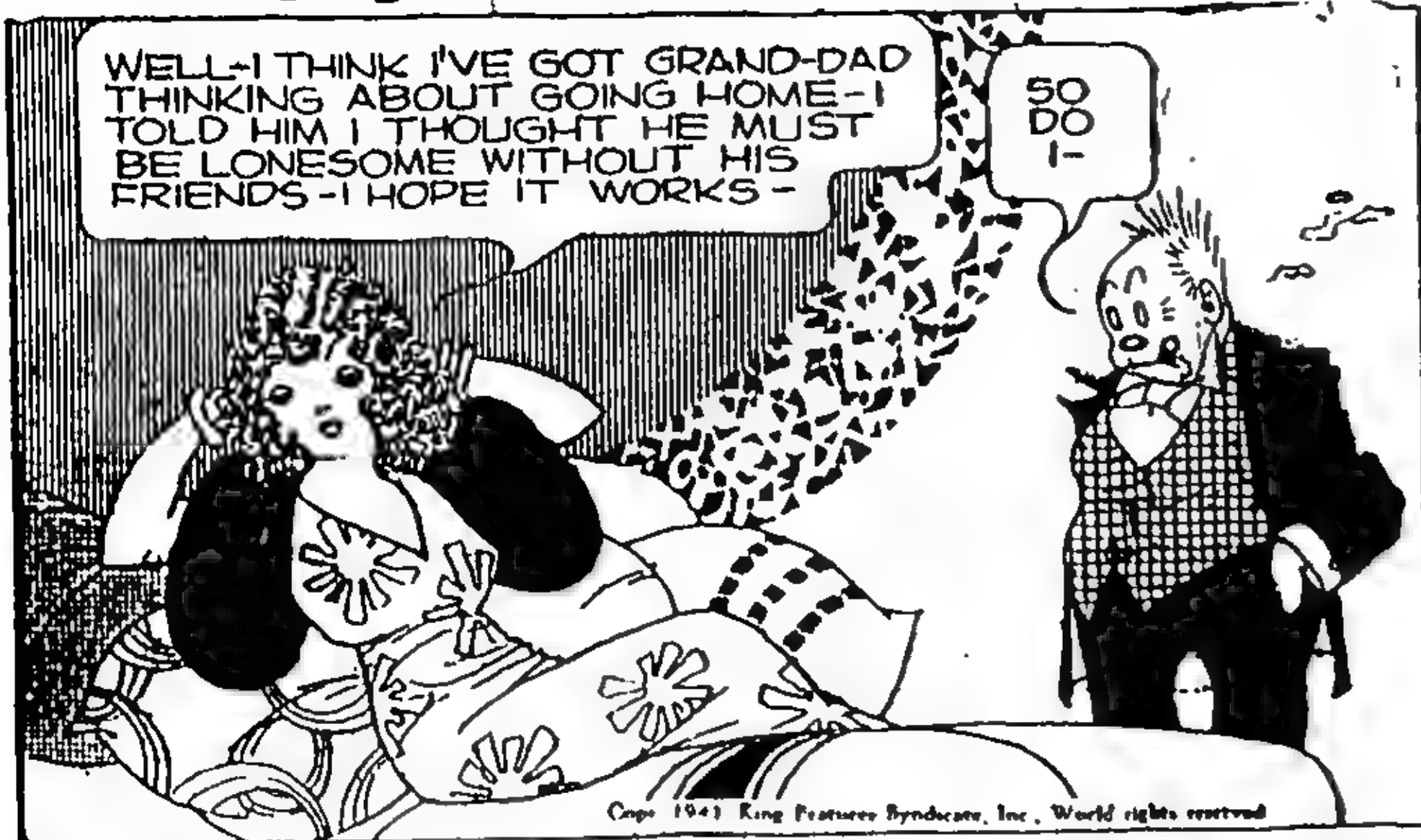
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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".  
7.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Mozart's "Don Giovanni" Act 1.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
8.02 p.m.—Request Variety Programme.  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.  
9.15 p.m.—A Programme of Irish Music and Songs.  
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).  
9.45 p.m.—Vivian Ellis at the Piano.  
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.  
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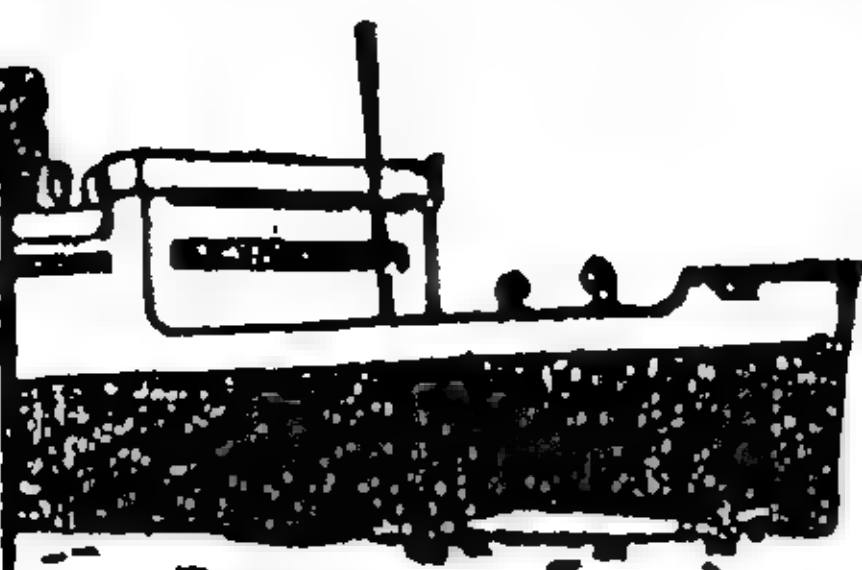
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## NEW LIGHT ON HESS

A British night-fighting  
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on Rudolf Hess's tail when  
he landed in Scotland.

This was revealed when  
more light on the whole  
Hess incident was shed in  
the House of Commons  
yesterday by the Air  
Minister, Sir Archibald  
Sinclair, replying to a  
question.

Sir Archibald made it clear  
there had been no previous cor-  
respondence between Hess and  
the Duke of Hamilton.

He said the Duke of Hamilton  
did not recognise Hess when he  
saw him in a Scottish hospital,  
although it was possible Hess had  
seen him when he visited the  
Olympic Games in 1936.

Major Lloyd-George suggested  
it would give satisfaction to the  
R.A.F. if Sir Archibald stated  
that action was taken to inter-  
cept Hess's plane.

Sir Archibald in reply said that  
when Hess baled out a Defiant  
fighter was hot on his plane's  
tail. Reuter

### False Name

Answering a question in the  
Commons as to the position of  
Wing-Commander the Duke of  
Hamilton in relation to the  
arrival in Britain of Rudolf Hess,  
the Air Secretary said: "When  
Deputy Fuehrer Hess came down  
with his aeroplane in Scotland on  
May 10 he gave a false name  
and asked to see the Duke of  
Hamilton."

The Duke, being apprised by  
the authorities, visited the Ger-  
man prisoner in hospital. Hess  
then revealed for the first time  
his true identity, saying he had  
seen the Duke when he was at  
the Olympic games at Berlin in  
1936.

The Duke did not recognise the  
prisoner and had never met the  
Deputy Fuehrer. He had, how-  
ever, visited Germany for the  
Olympic Games in 1936 and  
during that time had attended  
more than one large public func-  
tion at which German Ministers  
were present.

It was therefore quite possible  
that the Deputy Fuehrer may  
have seen him on one such occa-  
sion.

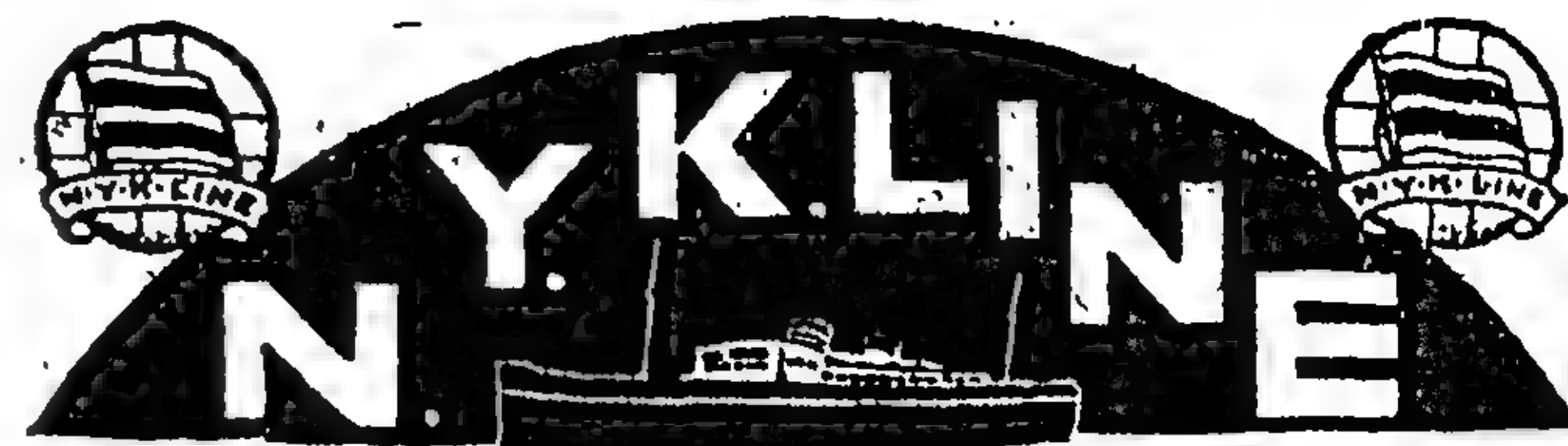
### Saw Premier

As soon as the interview was  
over Wing-Commander the Duke  
of Hamilton flew to England from  
Scotland and gave a full report  
of what had passed to the Prime  
Minister, who sent for him.

Contrary to reports which  
have appeared, the Duke has  
never been in correspondence  
with the Deputy Fuehrer.

None of the Duke's three bro-  
thers who are, like himself, serv-  
ing in the R.A.F., has either met  
Hess or had correspondence with  
him.

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of the Duke of Hamilton has  
been in every respect honourable  
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# INDIANS BRING OFF THE BEST RESULT TO DATE

## K.C.C. Trounced But Fincher Takes Limelight

### SECOND DIVISION

## C.C.C. ARE SETTLING DOWN

By "Lead"

Kowloon Tong, who are going great guns at the moment, had an easy passage against Cricket Club and at no time were they in any danger. Indeed in the early stages, they were going along at such a pace that it seemed more than probable that a record margin would be established, but Cricket Club fought back well.

Stephens, having a useful start against Goodwin, never looked back, although the opposition did get to within two shots just before tea. The Kowloon Tong front men were all in form and consequently, Stephens did not have as much to do as he has had hitherto. Mackay had a slight edge on Aitkenhead, while Lam, although Duncan was in great form and saving continually, gave a better display than in any other match this season. Wong was far more consistent than Rowell.

Stephens and Goodwin had a great tussle and the ex-K.C.C. player must have saved his side at least a dozen shots in the course of the match. He was equally adept when it came to dead drawing or a pound on, but fortune usually favoured the visitors.

Kew, given splendid support, had an easy passage against Brown, who was obliged to come up heavy on at least 75 per cent of the heads in order to attempt to save big counts. Brown usually favours a heavy shot but on Saturday they just would not run for him.

For Kew, Henry Castro, his lead, touched his very best form and touchers were the rule rather than the exception, while Madar also, after two mediocre matches, came into his own with a good all-round display.

Howard, after being 28-6 up, beat Costello by 18 shots. Todd, Castro again played well, while Billie Githins, in his first match this season, gave a splendid display. Costello himself was the best of the losing side, with S. I. Lloyd doing some good work on occasion.

### Useful Combination

Craigengower, having recovered from the shock given them by Prison Officers in their first League match of the season, have now settled down into a useful combination and I await the result of their match with the potential champions, Kowloon Football Club, on Saturday with much interest.

Lock, with a reconstituted team, had a very good win over Melrose, despite the great individual efforts of the latter. Razack, back to lead, showed much improvement on his previous display, and Kitchell, who had not played previously for some four years, was useful at No. 2. Ernie Zimmerman was an extremely valuable man to his skip, who usually had less to worry about than his opposite number. There was little to choose between the front men as MacArthur, Goull and Main all did their stuff on occasions. But Melrose had a slight edge on Lock.

Sollna, Forman and Ward supported Randall well in his game against Chalmers. Ward in particular being on his game, but the Talkoo skip played an uncanny game and the fact that he won by four shots is ample testimony to his prowess.

Chalmers was saving continually. On one occasion, Craigengower was tying five, when Chalmers came up with his fast wood to draw the very first.

Randall had an off day. With his rink bolstered by the presence of Luigi Souza, Medina had a comparatively easy passage against Watson, and won by a round dozen. Joe Xavier at lead and Lionel Lambert both did well for the winners.

### Curtis Shines

A very useful-looking team on paper. Kowloon Cricket Club took two matches to settle down but they finally got away with a win last week over the erstwhile

## Shepherd Rallies To Beat Carlos Silva

By "Lead"

BEST RESULT IN last week's programme of League bowls matches was the fine win of Indian Recreation Club over Kowloon Bowling Green Club's senior team, although the fact that I.R.C. were playing at home makes that result not so surprising as might appear at a glance.

Other senior matches went as expected. Craigengower registered a clean-sweep against K.C.C. but the Champions dropped a point to Police, for whom Jack Shepherd was again in the limelight with a brilliant win over the inimitable Carlos Silva.

K.F.C. were not engaged in Second Division and the table is now headed by Kowloon Tong, who had a clean-sweep against Cricket Club, with Prison Officers well in the hunt.

K.F.C. and I.R.C. are showing splendid form in Third Division and it is interesting to note that under the new system of scoring the former team are only a point and a half in arrears, although they have lost a match.

The weather on Saturday was ideal and, with the fine start the League has had this year there is every reason to expect that the current season will be one of the best ever.

### Best So Far

I.R.C. pulled off the best performance thus far this season by beating K.B.G.C. "A" at Sookun-poo. The Indians, on their own ground, however, are always liable to cause an upset and I rather expected that they would give a good account of themselves.

Holland had a ding-dong struggle with Dallah and did very well to win after being 13-18 down at the 18th. Man for man there was little in it and the two-shot

margin just about sums up the respective strengths.

Shepherd met with his third successive defeat but on this occasion did not have the best of luck. On two occasions, I am told he took the rack through when his opponents were lying a count but on both occasions it sprung the wrong way by a fraction and he failed to improve.

Sikes started off very well when he had somewhat the better of Houson but he then fell away. There was not much to choose between the other front men but A. K. Minu was in brilliant form and had a great deal to do with the victory of his rink.

The effect of the new system of scoring was felt in the Abbas-Hall match.

Hall had been 4-18 down but had recovered well. This match was the last to finish and although there was no possibility of the aggregate result being changed, it was interesting to see whether Hall could secure a three or a four at the last end and so tie or win and thus reduce the margin of defeat.

It was a very long head, which Sufflad proceeded to make longer by trailing the Jack and then following on into the ditch. With the litty only a yard from the dyke, White drew two beauties but K. M. Rumjahn took the Jack back to within a foot and followed into the ditch. With his next wood Rumjahn drew second shot, his wood resting side by side with White's Meyer's second wood was a foot short but counted fourth.

With only K.M.'s wood stopping a count that would at least have given a tie. Hall tried a spectacular shot to pick the offending wood out but failed and Abbas did not alter the lie. With his last wood Hall attempted to knock Meyer's wood on to Rumjahn's and remove by that method. He succeeded to a certain extent but was not heavy enough and although Meyer's wood hit the other, it was only knocked off to one side and Hall only counted one in the final check-up.

Sufflad had an even match with Phillips but White had an edge on K. M. Rumjahn. A. M. Rumjahn usually managed to beat Joe Meyer and Hall, although he played some brilliant shots including one uncanny dead draw, could not get the better of "Abc", who was excellent.

### Fincher's Task

K.C.C. were never in the picture against Craigengower, who, for the second week in succession, registered a clean sweep.

Teddy Fincher, drawn against Omar's all-star rink, had an unenviable task and, with his front men all being out-bowled, was consistently up against it. I am told that nearly every time he went down to bowl the other side were lying a bunch. He played a wonderful game—in fact his gallant display was the feature of this match—but although he saved on numerous occasions, he could not do it all himself and, not unnaturally, he went down by 21 shots.

Tommy Madar, who is in great form in his first season as a skip, did very well against Bradbury and but for a last-minute lapse would not have lost by more than three or four after being, at one time, down by 6-17.

Guest, who after all has not had very much "experience," could not get the hang of the tricky Craigengower green, and Parsons, although he played some useful shots, was also not very happy. Consequently much depended on Norman Bebbington and Madar himself. Their success can be gauged from the fact that the K.C.C. rink scored at 9

ends. The Craigengower rink was fairly consistent all through.

Notwithstanding the brilliant efforts of Joe Fraser, who was in great form, his rink went down to Rosselet by 15 shots. Fraser was 8-9 at the 10th end but was then blanked for the next eight ends, during which time Rosselet put together 17 shots. Taylor played some useful shots but the other members of the K.C.C. rink were no match for their opposite numbers.

### Fine Win

Although the Champions continue on their victorious way, the outstanding performance of the week was returned in the course of their match with Police. I refer to Jack Shepherd's win over Carlos Silva.

It is possible that Silva feels the absence of Johnnie Ribeiro, who is in Shanghai, but this is the second successive match in which he was established an early superiority only to fall away badly in the latter stages; against K.C.C. Tommy Madar nearly pulled it off, scoring 14 shots after tea and only losing by two after being 6-20 down.

Shepherd went one better. At the tea-interval he was 10-16 down, and would have been even further down the sink had he not scored a four at the last end before the breather. After tea Silva scored a two, but Shepherd went away with four singletons in succession, 3 1 3 to 21-18. He then conceded a two at the last end to win by the narrowest possible margin.

Individually there was little to choose between the two rinks. Joe Luz and McLeod had a great struggle at lead, and Marques and Harris were well-matched. Dick Alves and Dall did all that could be expected of them, while Shepherd, who is in grand form this year, more than held his own against his brilliant opponent and thoroughly deserved his success.

It is interesting to note at this juncture that Carlos Silva played 18 matches last season and only lost one—the last but one against Fred Jones' Civil Service rink, the three front men being W. J. Burling, J. Hempsey and H. E. Strange. Silva then had the same rink that played on Saturday except that Johnny Ribeiro was in at No. 3 instead of Alves.

Ted Post lost by nine shots to "Spuggy" Silva, the slight superiority of the front men proving the deciding factor. Smith, erstwhile junior player, made a promising debut for the Police and can be said to have justified his inclusion.

From the scores it would appear that Wally Mair was given an awful lacing by Luz. I am told that this was far from being the case, however, and that things would just not go right for the Police rink. The front men were fairly well-matched but Luz himself was in brilliant form and although Mair did his best—and a very useful best it was—the experience of the Recreio skip enabled him to register big counts at the right moments.

### Morrison's Big Effort

Notwithstanding Bob Morrison's big win over Jack McKelvie K.B.G.C. "B" beat Kowloon Docks by 12 shots.

Morrison's success was largely due to the brilliant efforts of Ferguson, his right-hand man, and his own marvelous form. Getting away to a good start, the Dock rink were never in any difficulty.

The deadly form of the two front men, Seard and Deacon, played a big part in Guy's win over Tommy Coleman. Although the two first-named were rarely far away, they did not have matters all their own way by any means, as Bob Lapsley and McMaster were always thereabouts. The fact therefore, that Drew and Guy had little to do reflects the showing of Seard and Deacon. Greig, the Dock No. 3, had a bad day but Coleman drew some nice ones.

Canny Bob Duncan had all the support he wanted from his rink and consequently had an extremely easy passage against Kempton, the Dock quartette scoring at only six ends.

### Medicos Good

Recreio "B", which seems to be a particularly well-balanced if not brilliant side, had yet another success on Saturday, when they beat Civil Service at the Valley.

The Medical Profession were well to the fore in the Guterres-MacGowan match, the fine form of Guterres and Albert Rodrigues proving the deciding factor.

The deadly form of Charlie Strange and Burling, who overshadowed their opposite numbers, was responsible for Strange's rink beating B. Basfo. Derios Alves was the pick of the Recreio four. Hakusen, the Colony champion, struck a bad patch against J. J. Basfo and was beaten by 12. The Recreio rink all through were the better players.

### THIRD DIVISION

## BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY L. DE ROME

By "Lead"

KOWLOON FOOTBALLERS DID PRETTY WELL TO BEAT THE USEFUL K.B.G.C. TEAM.

Evans beat Ted Thompson by nine shots but it was a close struggle all through, the fine form of Fuller having much to do with the Football Club's success.

I am told that Fuller, on two occasions, played lovely shots to save with the opposition lying five!

"Edgar" Wallis had an even tussle with Basil Thompson and honours were just about shared, but Langley and Dinnen were right off and rarely beat Charles Wong and Fuller. Ted Thompson played a useful game, on one occasion saving a six with a spectacular shot, but he had little on Ben Evans, who was also on form.

There was a high standard in the Nish-Ogden match, both sides playing well and only the slight superiority of Ogden over Nish turned the scales.

There was nothing in the encounter between Hamilton and Smalley up to the tea-interval, when the scores were 9-11, but later on Hamilton's rink got their noses in front and when the skips went down to bowl, they usually had the shot. Hamilton did not go in for spectacular shots at this stage but concentrated on holding what he had. His blockers rather had the effect of putting Doc Smalley off and the latter's game fell away. The Bowling Green men were never far away and Frost and Abbas were the pick of the Footballers.

### De Rome Brilliant

Strengthened by Soutar and Nolan from the senior team Police proved far too strong for Hong Kong Electric and only the brilliant bowling of De Rome and his men prevented a clean sweep.

Johnson played well as No. 3 to Channing and generally had the better of Barron and when the skips went down to bowl, De Rome more often than not had the shot against him. He was in brilliant form, however, and time on end saved with perfect drawing.

Channing also played well for Police and on the whole had an interesting afternoon against De Rome though he lost by 11 shots.

The other two matches were walk-overs for Police.

### Game Fight

The Recreio novices put up a game fight against Hong Kong Football Club and were beaten by 4 points to 1.

Yvanovich was unfortunate not to register his first win this season as at the last head he was leading by one shot, only for Morgan to score a five.

Morgan and Yvanovich were evenly matched but the man of the rink was S. Strange, who played an exceptionally brilliant game for Club at No. 3.

He spoiled a lot and gave his skip invaluable assistance.

Morgan's five at the last head was well deserved. He was lying two early on and when he went down to bowl, Club were lying four, to which he added another. Yvanovich in spite of every effort was unable to save.

A fine last spurt enabled Carvalho to reach double figures in his game against Russell and to lose by only 7 shots. Russell was very steady and here again a No. 3, in Bickford, who showed good understanding with Russell, contributed greatly to Club's win.

Mansell, deputising for Needham, held his own until the 10th head in an even game during which there was seldom much difference in the score. A single and a two on the last two heads gave Alarcon a three-shot win to prevent a clean sweep.

### Another I.R.C. Success

Indian Recreation Club continued their run of success, beating Craigengower Cricket Club at Happy Valley. "Sambo" Rumjahn was beaten by L. Gaddi 28-20 and would have even gone down by a bigger margin but for a 5 and 4 at the last two ends.

Rumjahn had bad luck in that none of his front men "were there". Hassan and Rumjahn were completely "off form" and Abdul-Razack, his No. 3, fell off after a somewhat promising start. Gaddi, on the other hand, bowled extremely well and was well supported by other members of his rink, especially Lee, his No. 1, who was very consistent.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

# UNIT BASEBALL LEAGUE IDEA BRINGS RESPONSE

## Entries For Water-Polo Competitions Close To-Day Draws To Be Made To-Morrow

By "Squaddy"

The much awaited Water-Polo League between Y.M.C.A., Navy, and Army got under way on Tuesday, Middies playing Y.M.C.A., the latter winning, and Royal Corps of Signals, beating the Navy "C" team by 2-0.

Middlesex have lost two of their best players in Sgt. Freshwater and Pte. Berry, who have left the Colony, and Pte. Goodair replacing Berry in goal, gave a good account of himself. Sgt. Freshwater's place was taken by Sgt. Plummer.

Signals, winners of the Large Units competition last season, are training hard again for honours and from what I have seen of them they are still a force to be reckoned with.

Entries for the Large and Small Units competitions close to-day.

The draws for these competitions will be made to-morrow by representatives of all teams competing and the Secretary for water-polo, Lieut. H. A. W. Millar, of Royal Scots.

This year the points for water-polo competitions will not count towards the points for the aggregate swimming cup, as in previous years, and this should enable teams to have an equal chance at the swimming meeting. Last season, Combined Small Units and Royal Corps of Signals were in the finals of both the Large and Small Units water-polo events, and success in both gave Combined Small Units the points they needed for the aggregate swimming cup.

This was a grand effort on their part and shows the fine spirit among their group, but when teams like the company teams of the Royal Scots or the Middlesex, who had to play the Signals last season, were representing both their Unit and the Combined Small Units, it did not give them

much chance in the Small Units League as the Signals were playing the same team for both events.

Although the Signals do not come up to anywhere near the strength of Royal Scots or Middlesex as Large Units, they are stronger as a team and have the advantage of playing together throughout in both competitions.

### BASEBALL

SINCE my last notes on this sport, I have had several letters on the forming of a Baseball League for Units in the Colony, and it has been suggested that a meeting be called of Units who wish to participate some time next month.

I am sure that anyone interested in this game will be able to get all the information they require if they get in touch with S/Sgt. Welford, of Royal Engineers, Wellington Barracks.

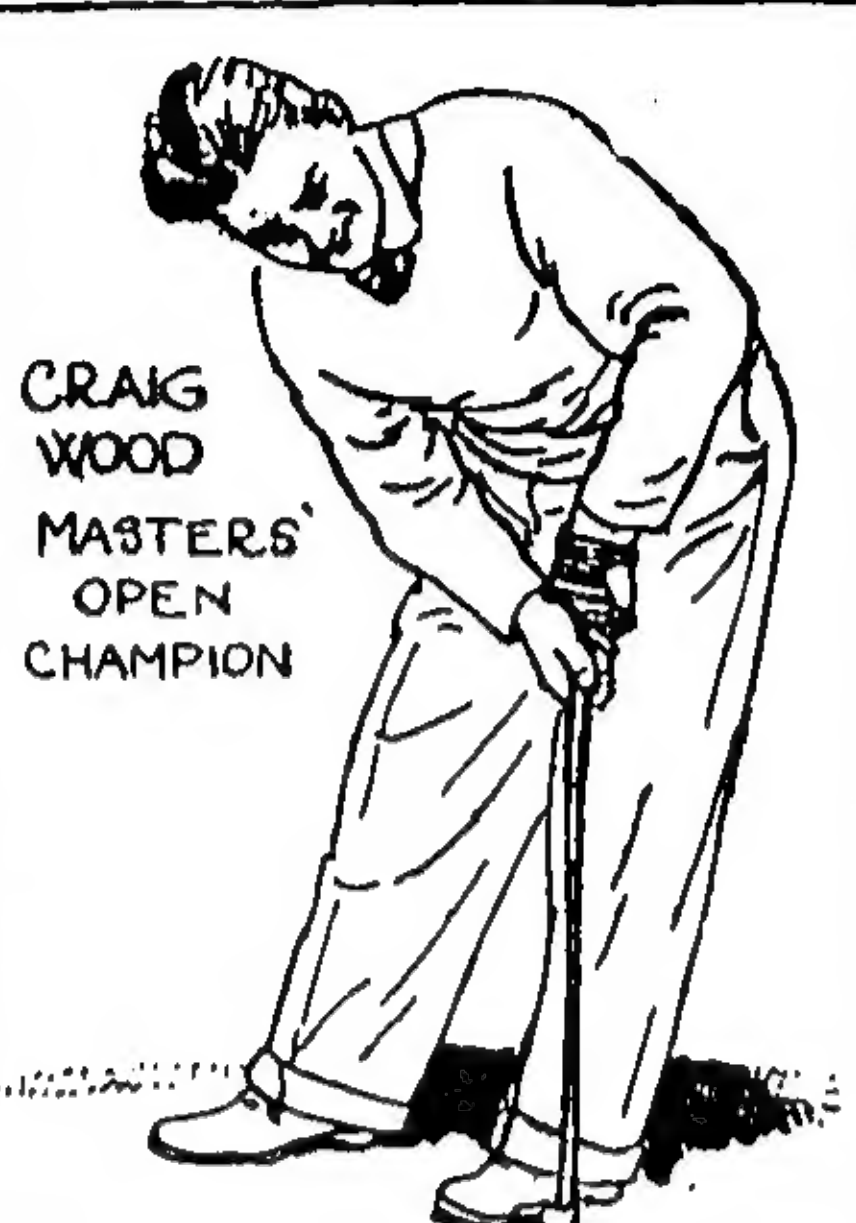
Construction of the stand at Chatham Road will shortly be started and it was decided at the annual meeting of the Baseball League, held on Tuesday, that all League matches will be played there.

### TENNIS

OWING to the rain during the last week the Area Tennis League, which was due to start last Tuesday, will now commence next Tuesday, if fine.

Some very interesting matches

### GRAPHIC GOLF



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### WOOD'S PUTTING By Best Ball

Craig Wood, Masters' Open Champion, has been knocking at the door for some little time. He has had a number of championships in the bag, sewed up and about ready to take home when things would go haywire. Once before in this event, he apparently had the championship won when Gene Sarazen blasted a 225 yard spoon shot directly into the cup.

A couple of years ago Wood was far from a top notch putter. Since then he has changed his style from a crouching stance to a more upright one; from jabbing the putter head at the ball to swinging it. The taller stance allows smoother stroking and in Wood's case, facilitates the pendulum type of stroke he employs. This change apparently was just the tonic Wood needed, for his putting over the Augusta National course left little to be desired.



are expected in this competition, as the Army teams this season are much stronger than last, having been strengthened by personnel from home.

### ASSOCIATION

#### FOOTBALL

NEXT season the Army may be represented in First Division of the Football League by four clubs, namely Royal Scots, Middlesex Regiment, Royal Engineers, and Combined Royal Artillery.

If the Royal Artillery enter this Division they will have to consider the players in all their Battery teams, and this might result in some of them playing for the First Division team for a few matches and then being dropped, and not being allowed to play for their Batteries.

### INTER-CLUB BILLIARDS

A Billiards and Snooker match will take place on Monday next, at 7 p.m., when the Water Police Station will entertain Club de Recreio, at Tsimshatsui. A. J. Osmond, former Colony Billiards champion, will turn out for the Portuguese club.

## ANTI-SPORT ELEMENTS ACTIVE

THE ANTI-SPORT ELEMENT HAS BEEN USING PETROL WASTE AS ONE OF THE CHIEF PLANKS IN ARGUMENTS AGAINST WARTIME RACING, FOOTBALL, AND OTHER SPORTS, FREQUENTLY CALLING ATTENTION TO THE LARGE CROWDS OF MOTORCARS AT SPORTING FIXTURES. NOTABLY THE WAR CUP FINAL AT WEMBLEY RECENTLY.

It is now announced that inspectors will visit car parks at horse-racing, greyhound racing, football, cricket and other entertainments where, it is announced, they will check up on cars and other motor vehicles.

If it is found that supplementary grant of petrol is being abused, a decrease in the extra allowance will be made or, if circumstances justify such a step, it may be taken away entirely.—Reuter.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DERBY

Announcement yesterday of acceptances for the New Derby and New Oaks Stakes, substitutes for the peace-time Derby and Oaks classics, confirms that the Derby will be run on Wednesday, June 18, with the Oaks on the following day.

There are 26 acceptances for the Derby and 20 for the Oaks, both races being over a one and a half mile course at Newmarket.—Reuter.

## THIRD DIVISION

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Abdul-Wahab finished off 16 shots to the good in his game with George Ladd. In this match young B. el Arculli was outstanding for very consistent bowling as No. 1 in the Indian rink. It is interesting to note that he is the son of E. el Arculli, for many seasons a member of the Craigengower senior team.

A. O. Madar, bowling wonderfully well, scored 20 against A. J. Coelho's 9. There was, however, nothing outstanding in this game and but for a four and a couple of two's for Madar and a triple for Coelho, the scores all came from singletons.



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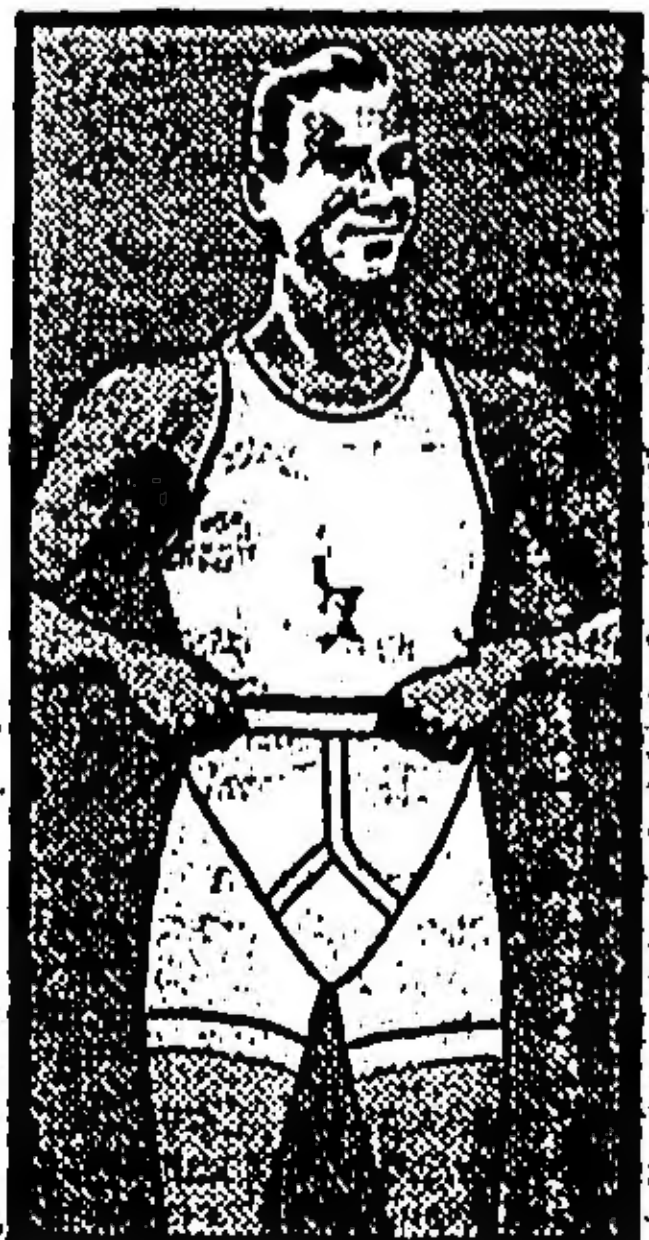
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## BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for to-morrow:—

### K.F.C.

Second Division (v C.C.C. Away)  
A Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden  
and W. C. Field (Skip)  
N. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern and  
P. Younghusband (Skip)  
A. Dand, C. Downman, T. Ferguson  
and W. Simpson (Skip)  
Friendly Match (v K.T.G.C.A. Home)  
B. Thomson, W. C. Orley, C. H.  
Fuller and B. E. Evans (Skip)  
G. E. Cross, A. MacIntyre, C. Wood  
cock, and R. M. Ogden (Skip)  
B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and  
J. T. Smalley (Skip)  
Reserves - J. Gibson, W. Seraphim  
and L. Bones

### H.K.C.C.

Second Division (v Prison Officers Club Away)  
J. A. D. Morrison, S. L. Lloyd, L. J.  
Davies and G. E. Costello (Skip)  
G. G. Atkinson, T. H. Rowell, L.  
A. R. Duncan and F. Goodwin (Skip)  
H. B. L. Dowbiggin, E. Hosper, R.  
A. Edwards and R. R. Davies (Skip)  
Third Division (v Police Res. Club Home)  
H. A. Angus, J. G. Haugh, A. Mc  
Kellin and A. Nisum (Skip)  
P. Morrison, W. R. Lambert, A. S.  
Mitchell and E. S. Abraham (Skip)  
Di. D. J. Valentine, L. E. N. Ryan,  
B. J. Lacey and P. S. Cassidy (Skip)

### K.D.R.C.

First Division (v K.C.C. Away)  
H. G. Cooper, W. Houston, R. Lap  
ley and F. Cullen (Skip)  
R. H. A. Lapsley, W. McMaster, J.  
Kerpton and L. Coleman (Skip)  
V. Ramsay, J. Roy, M. Ferguson  
and R. McLean (Skip)

## FULL PROGRAMME OF FOURTH DIV. MATCHES

Following are the results of games played yesterday in the Fourth Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

P. Y. Kwok and K. C. Wong (S.C.)  
beat S. A. M. Sepher and K. Singh 6-0  
beat S. Ramchand and W. Mehal 6-0  
beat A. H. Mehal and S. Singh 6-0  
K. C. Siet and K. T. Chan (S.C.)  
lost to Sepher and Singh 3-6  
beat Ramchand and Mehal 6-2  
beat Mehal and Singh 7-5  
C. M. Tsang and S. S. Yau (S.C.)  
beat Sepher and Singh 6-3  
beat Ramchand and Mehal 6-0  
beat Mehal and Singh 6-2

### Jewish Club Lose

A. R. Poliak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)  
lost to Tomashevski and D. T. Smith 0-6  
beat N. Whitley and V. C. Bond 6-3  
beat Bull and Gaubert 7-5  
M. Ladan and A. Odell (J.R.C.)  
lost to Tomashevski and Smith 3-6  
lost to Whitley and Bond 4-6  
lost to Bull and Gaubert 3-6

### C.R.C. Beaten

A. Causeway Bay, Chinese R.C. lost to Chingengow C. C. by six sets to three  
T. M. Tsang and C. Y. Tao (C.R.C.)  
lost to K. M. Au and C. M. Lee 5-7  
lost to Y. H. Leung and G. Lau 3-6  
lost to K. C. Woo and P. C. Yu 4-6  
K. M. Wong and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.)  
lost to Au and Lee 2-6  
beat Leung and Lai 6-2  
lost to Woo and Yu 3-6

T. Y. Liang and T. L. Lu (C.R.C.)  
beat Au and Lee 6-1  
beat Leung and Lai 6-4  
lost to Woo and Yu 3-6

### Army Win

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club beat Post Office R.C. "A" eight sets to one  
S. Sgt. Ford and L. Cpl. Stoner (Army)  
beat D. Fitches and K. W. Wong 6-3  
beat C. I. Chan and Y. S. Fung 6-1  
beat S. S. Chin and S. K. Chan 6-2  
L. Cpl. Glasgow and Spr. Elstey (Army)  
beat Fitches and Wong 6-2  
beat Chan and Fung 6-4  
beat Chin and Chan 6-1  
Lt. Trapman and S. Sgt. Mitchell (Army)  
beat Fitches and Wong 6-2  
beat Chan and Fung 6-3  
lost to Chin and Chan 4-6

### Indians Defeated

At Sookunpoo, Indian R.C. lost to the Filipino Club by seven sets to two  
M. H. Hassan and G. Singh (I.R.C.)  
lost to B. Poon and P. Poon 2-6  
beat F. Gonzales and Lee 6-2  
lost to T. S. Hsu and L. F. Souza 4-6  
M. S. Hassan and A. S. Sufflad (I.R.C.)  
lost to Poon and Poon 1-6  
beat Gonzales and Lee 7-5  
lost to Hsu and Souza 2-6  
M. P. Madar and M. I. Razack (I.R.C.)  
lost to Poon and Poon 1-6  
drew with Gonzales and Lee 6-6  
lost to Hsu and Souza 2-6

## KOWLOON TONG BADMINTON FINALS

The remaining matches of the badminton finals of the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association were played at the clubhouse last night when badminton of a fairly high standard was witnessed. The results were as follows:

### MEN'S SINGLES

Joseph Tsang beat David Kwok, 15-12, 15-9.

### LADIES' SINGLES (HANDICAP)

Mrs. N. Castro beat Miss Mabel U., 15-6, 15-6.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

D. Kwok and K. M. Lee beat E. Kwok and Y. H. Tang, 21-14, 21-14.

### EXHIBITION MATCHES: MEN'S DOUBLES

P. A. Yvanovich and A. E. Noronha drew with P. Fletcher and J. Chen, 15-10, 5-15.

### MEN'S SINGLES

R. M. Lavalle beat A. L. Fisher, 15-14.

At the conclusion of the matches last night, Mr. H. M. Siu, President of the Association, called upon his wife to present the prizes.

## ARMY REJECTS GREENBERG FOR FALLEN ARCHES

Hank Greenberg, who gets \$50,000 a year for swatting a baseball, is recommended for deferred status by a Florida draft board because of flat feet.

It is found that the hearing of John Dungan Rigney, top pitcher, is impaired by a chronic perforation of the eardrum.

They wouldn't even let Morrie Aronovitch volunteer because most of his teeth were knocked out in basketball.

The examination of young Phil Rizzuto revealed a diabetic condition.

It used to be that nobody came close to a ball player for rounding up imaginary ailments, but that was in the pre-modern draft board era.

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## GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Friday

### SUNDAY

Old Course  
9:16 a.m. J. Harrop, P. E. Annis  
9:20 .. I. H. Geare, T. J. J. Fenwick  
9:24 .. G. G. Atkinson, J. J. van Muihlen  
9:28 .. J. L. MacIntyre, T. Megarry  
9:32 .. B. D. Evans, D. D. Forbes  
9:36 .. F. A. Redmond, A. E. Purves  
9:40 .. P. M. Cotton, B. O. Baldwin  
9:44 .. H. M. Rowland, J. W. Clague  
9:48 .. A. W. Bourne, A. E. Lissaman  
9:52 .. H. F. Phillips, J. A. Blackwood  
9:56 .. F. D. Hunter, F. N. Merritt  
10:00 .. D. S. Robb, W. L. Alexander  
10:16 .. J. W. Anderson, A. Mabb  
10:20 .. R. H. Griffiths, R. M. M. King

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# TIDES OF WAR MOVING

Mr. Fadden Sounds Warning In Australia

## Echoes Of War In Middle East

"THE TIDES OF WAR are moving swiftly towards our shores as the situation in the Balkans and the Middle East becomes more acute."

This warning was made by Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister of Australia, in Adelaide yesterday.

## MADRID REJECTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY YESTERDAY REJECTED SOUTH AMERICAN SUGGESTIONS THAT SPAIN SHOULD REVISE HER FOREIGN POLICY.

Simultaneously, the Madrid authorities denied that the recent Cabinet changes meant any rift between the Army and the Falangist Party. International News Service.

## USSR CONSULATE IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
The Soviet consulate-general in Shanghai is expected to reopen shortly with the arrival of M. Molchloff, press attache, and a number of junior employees. The building is at present being redecorated in anticipation of the arrival of an official from the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo shortly. International News Service.

He said there was no need for alarm but as the situation exists and was likely to exist in the near future it should be faced.

"I do not mean specifically that the situation in the Pacific has become more serious but as part and parcel of the British Empire, we are vitally affected by the position as a whole in the Middle East which must have repercussions in the Pacific."

One ray of sunshine, he continued, was evidence of the determination of the United States to back the British cause to the limit, not only by supply of materials, but the actual delivery of materials.

He urged the Australians to give a little more to Australia and a little less to themselves so as to help meet any eventuality. Reuter.

## NEW AIR FACTORY AT BANGALORE

More technicians on the mechanical side of the Air Force Training Scheme are required for the new aircraft factory in Bangalore. The factory has asked for several hundreds of men. Reuter.

## GERMAN FIGHTER DOWNED IN CHANNEL

It was learned in London yesterday, says Reuter, that a German fighter was shot down into the Channel by R.A.F. fighters in the morning.

## Crete The Opening Round

On the events in Crete, the "Daily Telegraph" says that Nazi propaganda makes no secret that this is the opening round in a full-dress battle for Suez.

The enemy's prestige and his military time table both alike demand swift, decisive success.

The newspaper comments that the Nazis will meet none of the aid which favoured them in Holland but will meet instead the force of seasoned troops under a commander whose vigilance and tenacity inspire confidence.

THE "DAILY MAIL" COMMENTS THAT THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF CRETE IN OUR SCHEME OF IMPERIAL DEFENCE IS OBVIOUS.

Victory here will be much more than a local gain and a success for Britain would inflict a damaging blow on the vaunted invincibility of German arms.—Reuter.

## TANK CAPTURED BY N.C.O.

A British N.C.O. captured an Italian medium tank single-handed by jumping on board the tank, opening the turret cover and killing the crew with a revolver, during operations in Abyssinia.

This story was related in an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday covering the fighting west of Sciasciamanna.

The N.C.O.'s feat was accomplished during an Italian counter-attack which was repulsed.—Reuter.

## "TERRIBLE" GERMAN LOSSES

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prevent the enemy from gaining any strong foot-hold on the island.

### Freyburg's Message

In a message to Cairo, Major-General Freyburg, the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied army in Crete, said: "We had a hard day. Our troops are fighting superbly."

ACCORDING TO A CAIRO COMMUNIQUE ON THE SITUATION IN CRETE, BRITISH FORCES STAGED THREE SUCCESSFUL COUNTER-ATTACKS IN DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE ISLAND.

All attempts by the enemy to land by sea have failed, with enemy convoys dispersed or sunk. International News Service.

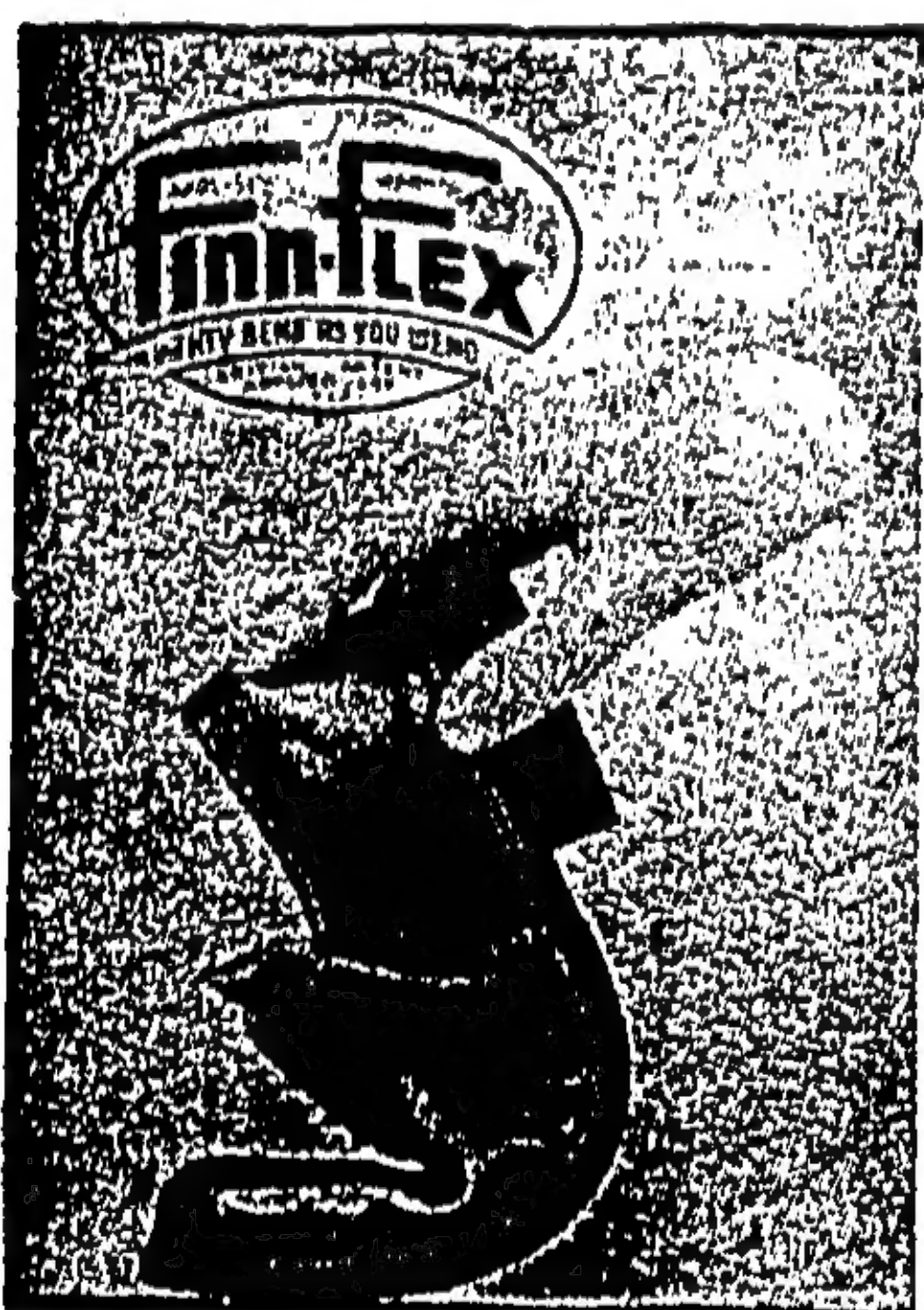
## STOP PRESS

The Chinese Government has officially announced the issue of a 5 per cent. Yunnan-Burma Railway gold loan of US\$10,000,000. Subscriptions will open on July 1 and repayment of principal will begin in 1944, with six-monthly drawings.—Reuter.

The jury in the Chattey case retired at 3.25 p.m. The jury was still in retirement at 4.25 p.m.

The jury at 4.40 p.m. returned a verdict of Guilty, with a recommendation which was handed to the Chief Justice.

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